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Chad recaptures strategic oasis

Gadaffi's men are routed in fierce battle

By Nicholas Beeston

A mobile column of Chadian government troops captured a strategic Libyan-held garrison oasis in northern Chad yesterday in an operation designed to outflank Colonel Gadaffi's forces in rebel-held territory.

According to the official Radio Chad, heavy fighting raged throughout the day after a dawn attack for control of the oasis at Fada, a strategically-located palm-grove in north-eastern Chad, 120 miles north of the 16th parallel which divides the government-controlled south from the rebel-held north.

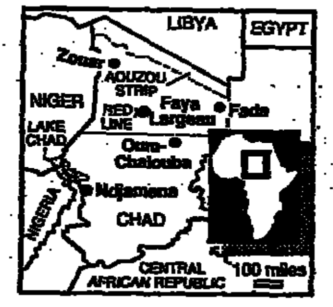
Casualty figures were not available, but the Army High Command in Ndjamena described the battle as one of "incredible violence" and said troops were engaged in hand-to-hand combat.

The Secretary of State for Information, Mr Moumine Hamidi, said that Fada, which was used as a base for 1,000 Libyan troops, was "entirely under our countol".

A Western diplomat contacted by telephone in Ndjamena told *The Times*: "This is a very big military operation by Chadian standards and the Government is not about to give up the battle, even in the face of superior Libyan forces."

There are an estimated 8,000 Libyan troops in Chad, backed up by Soviet-made tanks and warplanes.

Yesterday's surprise offensive is believed to have been launched from Oum Chalouba and Kouba-Oulanga, just south of the demarcation line.



The diplomat in Ndjamena said that if Chadian forces were victorious, government troops could press further north to Libya's largest military base at Faya Largean, 170 miles to the north-west.

A spokesman for the French Ministry of Defence, which maintains 1,400 soldiers deployed along the 16th parallel, said France had increased its military aid in light of the current offensive. Last month President Reagan signed a package allowing Ndjamena to draw up to £10 million in military supplies.

Western diplomats said the latest tactic was a move by President Habré to open a second front against Libya, which is already engaged in battles to the north-west in the rugged Tibesti mountains.

Former rebels, now loyal to President Habré, turned against Libya two months ago and mounted guerrilla operations against Colonel Gadaffi's forces, capturing the oasis town of Zouar at the foot of the Tibesti range.

After three Libyan assaults with heavy casualties on both sides, the town fell on Sunday.

But an armoured relief column of 1,000 men recaptured the strategic base on Thursday after two days of fighting. As a result, Libyan forces are now fighting defensive actions 400 miles apart, with the prospect of increased French involvement if a victory looks possible.

Last month France flew two military supply planes with food and ammunition for the forces in Tibesti and diplomatic sources indicated that a French commando unit or foreign mercenaries may be aiding the former rebels.

Diplomats said that Colonel Gadaffi had made it clear that he was prepared to mobilize his forces to maintain influence in Chad.

Tripoli's fortunes in Chad have deteriorated considerably since October when the leader of its Chadian rebel movement, Goukouni Oueddi, was wounded and arrested in Tripoli for approving a peaceful settlement to the 20-year conflict.

Yesterday's military activity coincided with the start of a peace initiative launched by the Organization of African Unity's Secretary-General, Mr Ide Oumarou.

Monday

March of morality

Victoria Gillick (above) may be among the best known members of the moral majority but she is only part of a large and growing army whose relevance has become all the greater since the Aids crisis began. A *Times* report on a phenomenon of the late 1980s.

Portfolio —Gold—

- There is £12,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition – the £8,000 weekly prize plus the daily £4,000.
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The Duke of Kent, stick in hand, striding out in the grounds of the Sandringham royal estate in Norfolk, with his son Lord Nicholas Windsor and daughter Lady Helen Windsor (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Police act in French rail strike

From Diana Geddes Paris

French police were called in yesterday to remove striking railwaymen occupying signal boxes and blocking lines, as attitudes hardened on both sides in the 15-day-old dispute.

Fewer than one in five main-line trains and only one in eight commuter trains ran yesterday, whereas on a normal day 12,000 trains, a quarter of them goods trains, would be in service.

France faced a weekend of chaos on the roads at the end of the Christmas and new year holiday break with the strikers stepping up their action in pursuit of "real negotiations" after rejecting as inadequate the offer made by the management of the state-owned railways on New Year's Eve. The offer included withdrawal of disputed new salary scales and an improvement in holidays and working conditions.

M Jacques Douffiagues, the Transport Minister, blamed the deterioration of the strike on "extremists who are no longer seeking to attack the railways management but the Government's own policies". The Government had decided on complete firmness, he said, after the third ministerial meeting in the past week called by M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, to discuss the strike.

Government supporters have sharply criticized President Mitterrand's decision to receive a delegation of rail strikers while on holiday in the Var, saying that it would serve as an encouragement for the extremists. M Mitterrand explained that he wanted to learn about the feelings of those at the heart of the dispute.

Strikes are being threatened next week by workers in the gas and electricity services, the government arsenals, and the post and telecommunications, in addition to the strikes on the railways and in the Paris bus and Métro services.

Worries over a spread of the industrial unrest caused the franc to weaken further on the foreign exchanges yesterday, and also brought another sharp drop on the Bourse, the Paris stock exchange, after an exceptional year which saw values go up by 57 per cent.

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Westland report to target Bristow

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Mr Alan Bristow, the helicopter millionaire, is to be sharply criticised in a new report on last year's Westland debacle which the Commons Trade and Industry Committee will publish next month.

Mr Bristow leapt into the limelight when, at the height of the affair, he claimed that two peers had offered him a knighthood, a place on the board, and a £2.25 million profit on his 17 per cent shareholding if he dropped his support for the European consortium bid for Westland which Mr Michael Heseltine was backing.

He then volunteered to appear before the Trade and Industry Committee, claiming that he would make his fullest statement to date. In the event he refused to answer questions about his allegations and at one point it seemed possible that he would be reported to the House for contempt.

However he subsequently wrote a confidential letter to Mr Bernard Weatherill, the Speaker, answering questions that had been put and naming the two peers.

In its report, however, it is believed that the committee will fail to support his claims, criticize his unhelpfulness, and question his evidence.

The report is also likely to assert that there was an illegal "concert party" behind the purchase of between 20 and 30 per cent of Westland shares by six unknown foreign-based buyers. Their votes were instrumental in ensuring that the government-backed Sikorski-Fiat bid succeeded.

It will acknowledge that it is almost impossible to prove the existence of such "concert parties", but is likely to share the extreme scepticism of Stock Exchange officials who gave evidence.

Guinness adviser talks to DTI inspectors

Mr Roger Seelig, the banker who resigned his £200,000 a year job this week in the wake of the Government's investigation into Guinness, has been interviewed by the Department of Trade inspectors investigating the brewing and leisure group (Lawrence Lever writes).

The interview was conducted by the inspectors using tough new powers to take evidence on oath. They have warned Mr Seelig that he must not make any public comment on evidence he has given.

Mr Seelig was asked to resign his position at Morgan

At the same time Morgan Grenfell announced its resignation as adviser to Guinness.

The inspectors have questioned Mr Seelig about various share deals carried out during the course of the takeover battle between Guinness and the Argyll Group for Distillers.

These deals were designed to boost Guinness's share price, thereby increasing the value of its offer for Distillers.

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Strength of the pound lifts fears of sterling crisis

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The pound advanced sharply in foreign exchange markets yesterday after a week of strength. It closed a cent higher at $1.4931, its best level since September.

Fears of a sterling crisis this month have largely evaporated, providing a much calmer background against which the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, can begin to plan his Budget. The firmer pound also removes for the time being a potential election handicap for the Government.

Sterling's new-found firmness stems largely from the rise in oil prices which has followed the pre-Christmas agreement on output quotas by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Yesterday oil prices again showed a slight improvement — to just over $18 a barrel.

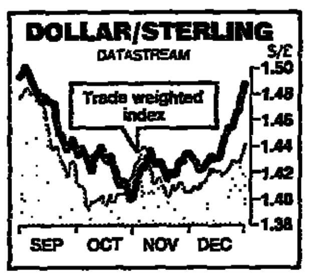
The strong performance of the Conservatives in recent opinion polls has also helped to steady the pound. But fears about Britain's balance of payments deficit have not disappeared.

Hopes of lower interest rates lifted gilt-edged prices by up to 1¾, and the FT-30 share index closed 6.3 higher at 1,320.2. Three-month money in the inter-bank market — often regarded as a bellwether — again fell slightly. It was down by 1/16 to 11⅛ per cent.

But most of the City remains cautious about the possibility of lower interest rates.

Mr Chris Johns, of Phillips and Drew, said: "We still think that the next move in interest rates is more likely to be up than down. When attention switches back from the dollar to sterling worries about inflation and the balance of payments will reassert themselves."

The Budget planning process will begin in earnest a week today when the Chancellor spends a weekend with his advisers at the Foreign Secretary's country residence at Chevening, Kent. If oil prices are maintained the extra revenue from the North Sea could increase the scope for tax cuts.



The Chancellor may already have some scope — despite the increase in public spending announced in November — because of buoyant revenue. Government borrowing in the current financial year has been running below target.

An increase of $3 in the price of oil above the average level assumed in the last Budget would yield about £1.5 billion extra in revenue, more than enough to take a penny off the basic rate of income tax. Support from the oil price for sterling would also reduce any financial risks from cutting taxes.

Forecasts for the economy provide a buoyant picture for what is likely to be an election year. Consumer spending is expected to continue growing strongly — by between 3½ and 4 per cent — and, in contrast to last year, exports are expected to grow by up to 4 per cent, partly because of improved competitiveness.

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Reagan back to face a packet of problems

From Michael Binyon, Washington

As President Reagan flew back yesterday from California ready to enter hospital here tomorrow, his new National Security Adviser, Mr Frank Carlucci, officially took over, having already conducted a sweeping purge of the demoralized National Security Council.

Mr Carlucci, Mr Reagan's fifth adviser in six years, has been warmly welcomed by Republicans and Democrats alike as a man with the experience and vigour to pull things together after the Iran debacle. His purge of the NSC has been merciless, as he streamlines the bloated council to turn it back into a purely advisory body. Staff numbers have been cut from 180 to 150, and those most deeply involved in the Iran arms affair have been sacked.

Some NSC officials were dismissed over the telephone, without the usual courtesy of an interview. Mr Kenneth Adelman, the head of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency who headed Mr Carlucci's transition team, has clashed with several senior NSC staff, but said it was best to make all changes quickly.

Mr and Mrs Reagan returned from Palm Springs, California, where they have been celebrating new year at the desert oasis estate of an old friend, Mr Walter Annenberg, a former Ambassador to London.

The Reagans have kept an unusually low profile while on holiday as the Iranian controversy continues to dog the President. He faces several personal and political tests in the coming week, however. Tomorrow he enters Bethesda Naval Hospital for a colon examination, to be followed on Monday by an operation for an enlarged prostate. The surgery, to relieve persistent discomfort on urination, will

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BBC TV strike set for tonight

By a Staff Reporter

A strike by 500 BBC Television electricians, which threatens to black out all live broadcasts, is due to begin at midnight tonight.

The electricians, members of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union (EETPU), hope to halt news bulletins, chat shows and outside broadcasts, such as tomorrow's scheduled coverage of the centenary soccer derby between Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal.

However Mr Roger Chase, the BBC's deputy director of personnel, said last night: "The BBC will seek to maintain its full range of programmes to the public."

The corporation hopes to broadcast the match using normal stadium floodlighting, and union officials conceded that even news bulletins could go ahead using minimum studio lighting, or with senior management operating equipment.

Mr Harry Hughes, EETPU national officer for the entertainment industry, said yesterday he was convinced the strike would go ahead, in pursuit of a claim for a 15 to 20 per cent pay rise for his members to restore pay differentials with other backstage staff.

The strike was postponed until today after a ballot of the 500 electricians on December 19, who voted three to one in favour of a strike.

The BBC said discussions with the EETPU made it clear that the union's claim for a 20 per cent increase in basic pay could not be met.

Potential productivity savings were identified which could have resulted in significant increases for electricians, but the union was not willing to negotiate on that basis.

The EETPU said its intention was not to inconvenience the viewing public and the wealth of material available to the BBC meant there should be no blank screens.

British official murdered near Kampala

A field director of the British Voluntary Service Overseas, Mr Paul Hitchman, aged 32, has been shot dead in Uganda by thieves trying to steal an official vehicle.

British diplomats believe he attempted to intervene after his driver had raised the alarm. He was shot through the heart and died instantly.

The murder happened at a VSO compound at Najjanakumbi, south of Kampala on New Year's Eve but was not revealed until yesterday.

Mr Hitchman had been in Uganda for three years.

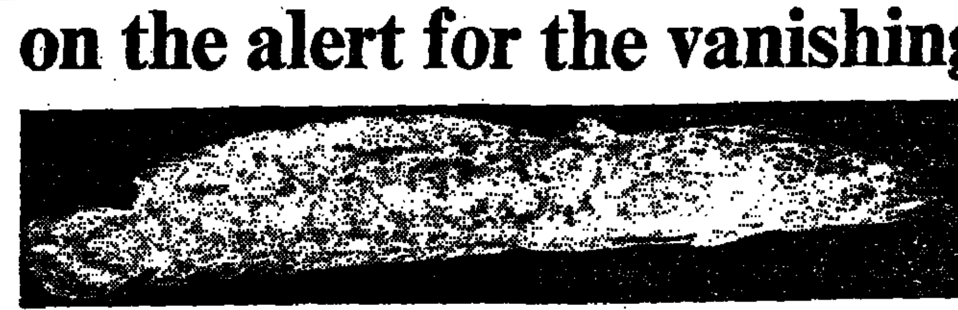
Anglers on the alert for the vanishing burbot

Anglers and amateur naturalists have been asked to track down a rare freshwater cod which was last seen 10 years ago.

There are fears that the shy, solitary burbot, sometimes known as the eel-pout, may have vanished forever, a victim of industrial and agricultural pollution. It used to be plentiful in rivers from Durham to Suffolk.

The search is being led by scientists from the International Union of Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

In West Germany, Scandinavia and the east Baltic countries burbot hide during the day in mud and gravel, emerging at night to hunt for insects, snails and small fish.



A burbot specimen at the Natural History Museum in London.

They are a highly prized table delicacy, and their roe is eaten as a type of caviare.

A spokesman for the conservation union said: "We are hoping that at least a few breeding pairs still exist in Britain: They are most likely to be found in slow-flowing rivers in the eastern counties."

Mr Alwynne Wheeler, keeper of fishes at the National History Museum, believes the chances of finding a British burbot are slim.

If survivors are found there are plans to re-establish the species in selected rivers and lakes.

One of the biggest ever A British burbot, weighing 8 lb, was caught in the Trent more than 100 years ago. European specimens can weigh 20 lb or more. A 4 oz burbot was reportedly caught from a stream near King's Lynn in 1977.

The Rev W. Houghton, a Victorian clergyman, said in his classic work, *British Freshwater Fishes*, first published in 1879, that the Trent and a tributary, the Penk, were well known for their burbot, and Nottingham Market was occasionally supplied with "examples for sale".

He reported that the burbot, also known as the coney or rabbit fish, because of its "lurking nature", was also found in the rivers of Yorkshire and Durham, Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.

Another writer of the times said the burbot was "a very delicate fish for the table, though of disgusting appearance when alive".

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NEWS SUMMARY

Gas blast flats checked twice

Reports of gas smells at a luxury block of flats where two people were killed in an explosion were checked twice recently, it was revealed yesterday. The Dublin Gas Company, which has promised to help the police inquiry, said that on both occasions the gas level was found to be within permitted limits, but the incidents were noted for further action.

A search for bodies among rubble from the five flats destroyed in Ballsbridge, south Dublin, resumed at first light yesterday but police said all residents had been accounted for. Most had been on holiday.

The two who died were a television outside broadcast manager, Mr Michael Murphy, aged 47, and his radiographer wife Noelle, aged 43. Their son, Gavin, aged four, was staying with a baby sitter.

A briefing on the blast was presented yesterday to the Irish Cabinet by Mr Dick Spring, the Energy Minister.

Printer fined

The former Imperial Father of Chapel for the *News of the World* was fined £25 for being drunk at News International's Wapping plant by Thames magistrates yesterday.

John Breen, aged 49, of Sidcup, Kent, who denied the offence, was also fined £25 for breach of an order binding him over to keep the peace.

The court was told that Breen became abusive after security guards asked him to leave the plant. Mr Anthony Edwards, for the defence, said Breen had left when asked to go.

Severn floods

Flood alerts operated in parts of Gloucestershire last night as high tides and heavy rain in Wales caused the Severn to burst its banks.

The flooding was confined to agricultural areas around Gloucester and some districts in Tewkesbury and police in the two towns said there was no immediate danger to life or property.

But householders in areas prone to flooding were advised to remain vigilant. The official flood alert will remain in force until the river stops rising.

Horses crush AA van

An AA patrolman was injured yesterday when his van was crushed by runaway horses in the centre of Cardiff. Mr Stephen Jones was driving to a breakdown when he saw more than twenty horses galloping towards him.

Some jumped over his van, others collapsed on top of it and several collided with it. He was taken to hospital with bruising and a neck whiplash injury.

Mr Jones said: "It was like a nightmare! Everything seemed to be going in slow motion with the horses going up in the air and down again".

Singer is silenced

The rock star Elton John (right), who is to have exploratory throat surgery in Sydney next week, has been ordered not to sing again for a year.

No details of the operation were released, but the singer said: "I am relieved something positive is being done at last".

Elton John, who is 40, cancelled a concert in Perth last month because of a throat infection and later collapsed on stage during a concert in Sydney. Doctors there advised surgery.

Top legal jobs to fill

Three senior legal appointments are expected this year because of retirements and the expansion of the prosecution framework.

The most senior figure is Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney General, who has announced that he will not be standing for his Wimbledon seat at the next election.

The other two changes involve the retirement of Sir Thomas Hetherington, the Director of Public Prosecutions, in September and the new post of director for the Special Fraud Office, which is being formed this year.

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Ulster petition launched on Carson's table

The table on which Sir Edward Carson signed the 1912 Covenant against Home Rule for Ireland was used yesterday to sign a petition to the Queen demanding a referendum on the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Thirteen "loyalist" MPs, headed by Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, and the Rev Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionists, put their names to the first copies of a petition. They hope tens of thousands of people will sign by January 23, the first anniversary of by-elections that followed the loyalist MPs' resignation from Parliament in protest at the Hillsborough agreement.

The petition signed yesterday at Belfast City Hall "humbly beseeches" the Queen to "cause provision to be enacted for the holding of a referendum of all the electors resident in Northern Ireland to ascertain whether that Agreement hath their agreement or no".

It refers to special provision being enforced for the governance of Northern Ireland whereby Your Majesty's said subjects are put in fear of being deprived of their rights and status as citizens of the United Kingdom.

Yesterday afternoon party workers began to collect signatures on city centre pavements and in door-to-door canvassing. On January 17 the organizers plan to have a chain of centres open across the province where the forms can be signed.

They are also planning a widespread campaign of civil disobedience to take effect if the petition is rejected.

"There is a way forward for Northern Ireland, and that is the rejection of the bomb and bullet, and acceptance of the only discipline in a real democracy – the ballot box", Mr Paisley said. "All people in Northern Ireland, whether they are for or against the agreement, can by signing say they want the ballot box."

Mr Molyneaux said that signatories would not necessarily be indicating their views on what he called "this diktat", but simply demanding the first principle of a democracy: "Let the people speak, let the Queen's government listen, and having listened, have the courage to act," he said.

A joint working party of Unionist MPs is planning the details of the "massive civil disobedience campaign" which, Mr Paisley said, would follow if the Government rejects the petition. It is likely to include the withholding of payments such as rates, rents on public authority housing, television licence and road tax payments, and value-added tax returns.

Some loyalist politicians, including Mr Peter Robinson, MP, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists (DUP), and Mr Sammy Wilson, Belfast's Lord Mayor, have already had court orders made against them for payment of their rates, which they were withholding in protest at the Hillsborough agreement.

● Two salvoes of mortar bombs were fired by the Provisional IRA yesterday at the joint Army and police base in Crossmaglen, the strongly Republican village in South Armagh.

The salvoes, each of three bombs, were fired 40 minutes apart, the second being launched before the firing point had been established by the security forces. Only one bomb, from the second salvo, fell on the base.

Army technical experts were hoping, through examination of the launch equipment, to determine whether the two-phase attack is a new IRA tactic or resulted simply from the erratic working of the timing mechanism.

The launcher tubes used for the attack were mounted on a tractor and trailer which was parked in a builder's yard off the market square in the centre of Crossmaglen.

The opening salvo, at 10am, came 13 hours after Ulster's first terrorist incident of 1987 – a gun attack, for which the Irish National Liberation Army claimed responsibility, on a part-time member of the Ulster Defence Regiment and his elderly mother.

A single burst of automatic fire hit them as they were being dropped off at their home on the outskirts of Markethill, Co Armagh.

Both suffered multiple gunshot wounds. The UDR man, who is aged 43, was hit in the head, arms and one leg. His mother, aged 72, was hit in both legs. Both were said to be in a stable condition yesterday.

'Low police morale' denied by Anderton

By Ian Smith

Allegations of disaffection and plummeting morale among Greater Manchester police officers were condemned as mischievous at a conference called yesterday by Mr James Anderton, the Chief Constable.

Mr Anderton expressed his amazement at a report in *The Observer* last Sunday which claimed senior officers had held a secret meeting to express their alarm about low morale in England's largest provincial force.

"I was shocked when I saw the report. It came out of the blue with no prior warning and no indication of any kind as to the basis of these allegations," Mr Anderton said.

"I could not believe it and nor could anyone else in the force. I talked with as many senior officers as I could in the past few days and not one of them believes there is any substance in these allegations."

Mr Anderton's angry dismissal of the newspaper story followed a two-hour meeting with the chairman and members of his police authority, representatives of the Police Federation and senior officials from the Superintendents Association.

Flanked by Mr Stephen Murphy, the Greater Manchester Police Authority chairman, and other authority members, with whom he has clashed openly in the past, Mr Anderton told of the traumatic effect of the report.

He said that if its purpose had been to severely disrupt sensible and otherwise proven arrangements for dealing with discontent or criticism by officers of any rank then it had succeeded, at least for a few days.

However morale was now as high as it possibly could be. "What has happened has provided a stimulus which demonstrates to all concerned that we have in Greater Manchester a well organized and dedicated police force determined to do its job to the utmost of its ability, and that is a very considerable one indeed."

Mr Anderton said that besides causing distress, *The Observer* article had led to great puzzlement. Within the force was a carefully structured joint negotiating committee, set up specifically to deal with morale and any other difficulties arising within the ranks.

Meetings were held bimonthly when any member of the force was entitled to bring to the attention of senior officers any matter about which they felt disquiet.

Access to the chief constable was freely available and should it be felt that he was not adequately handling a complaint then it could be taken directly to the police authority. Although the committee met regularly, the fact that not a single complaint about morale had been raised was clearly indicative of the inaccuracy of *The Observer* article.

Mr Anderton, current president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, admitted that Greater Manchester was a heavily beleaguered force with the highest crime rate in Britain, in urgent need of additional resources, particularly manpower and men on the beat.

He said the prime reason for the escalation in crime figures was the inadequacy of police tools and manpower. "Officers become frustrated because they know given a better chance and a better deal they could do an awful lot more."

At least another 2,000 officers were needed to enforce the current complement of 7,000, but even then the needs of Greater Manchester could not fully be met.

Mr Anderton was not in the least contrite about his often criticized stance as an outspoken chief constable. Asked about his recent speech on Aids, in which he talked about a "cesspool of immorality", the former Methodist lay preacher, now undergoing conversion to Catholicism, said he neither regretted nor would he withdraw a single word.

Firmly denying suggestions that he should retire, the chief constable said: "I am sure there are some people about who would prefer me not to be here but I have every intention of staying. I believe I have the support of my chairman in the police authority."

Mr Anderton agreed that the job of a chief constable was never an easy one, particularly in an area as busy as Greater Manchester. But he denied that by becoming a chief constable prominent in the public eye he had brought unfair pressure to bear upon his force.

"I simply do my job openly, honestly and fairly. One of the extraordinary contradictions is that, on one hand, chief constables are asked to be open in everything they do, then the moment I exercise that particular initiative you people (journalists), descend on me like vultures who sit on my shoulder and peck away."

Mr Murphy said he had made widespread inquiries in the past four days about the supposed fall in morale but had found not one single instance.

Mr Anderton, cheerful, with a police committee member before yesterday's conference.

Rallying troops the Alliance way

By Our Political Reporter

The Liberal-SDP Alliance formally unveiled its plans yesterday for a morale-boosting pre-election rally at the end of this month which is to be "a unique blend of politics and entertainment".

As disclosed in *The Times* last month, more than 2,000 activists will be treated to elaborate audio-visual presentations of selected themes from *Partnership for Progress*, the Alliance's new policy document, with Mr Bamber Gascoigne acting as anchorman and the Rothwell Temperance Band playing the Alliance's new theme tune.

Keynote speeches will be made by the two party leaders, Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel, and by the two party presidents, Mrs Shirley Williams and Mr Des Wilson.

The Alliance's election spokesmen, to be announced soon, will speak on health and education, housing and the environment, employment and regional policy, defence and security.

The Alliance "new look" will be unveiled at a press conference and in a party political broadcast three days before the rally at the Barbican in London. That will be followed by a week of Alliance activities throughout the country.

Mr Steel described the rally yesterday as "a celebration of the confidence and unity of the Alliance at the beginning of the election year".

"After many months of debate and consultation we have put together a policy document which marks our commitment to a new way of running Britain, which will break free of the cycle of decline and share the rewards of prosperity through political and economic partnership."

BAe jet rudders to be built in China

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

China is to build the rudders of British Aerospace's new advanced turbo-prop aircraft as part of a multi-million pount offset agreement.

British engineers will cut the pieces of metal which make up the rudder, pack them in kit form, then send them to Liaoning in the north-east of China, where they will be rebuilt.

The completed rudders will be shipped back to Hatfield to become part of the new aircraft known as the ATP.

The deal is the second of its kind to be signed between Britain and China and comes after a £100 million order from the Chinese for 10 British Aerospace 146 jets.

Under the terms of that sale, British Aerospace agreed to provide work for the developing Chinese aircraft factories.

The first agreement gave the Chinese work assembling the landing gear doors of the 146.

Parts for those were also sent out from England, rebuilt and brought back, but the Chinese have now gained the necessary experience to cut the metal themselves and produce all the separate parts of the doors.

It is hoped that they will quickly be able to do the same with the ATP rudders.

Although the ATP contract is worth about £500,000 only, detailed studies are going on to find other aircraft components which can be made in China.

As the close association between British Aerospace and the Chinese grows, it is hoped that more orders will be placed by the rapidly growing Chinese airline, leading to more offset agreements.

Planning blunder

Shades of Kafka on a Cornish cliff

By Martin Fletcher

"It's like waking up in Czechoslovakia," claims Mr Andrew Castellain, who lives, for peace and quiet, in a former coastguard station on remote cliffs near Lands End.

In 1965 the "trembly fingers" of the late Mrs Winifred White, the public-spirited secretary of the West Cornwall Footpath Preservation Society, apparently slipped a little while drawing a map of common land in that area and accidentally included his home.

Her map was sent off to Cornwall County Council under the Commons Registration Act of that year, a statutory but unread notice inviting objections was placed in the *Western Morning News*, and Mr Castellain only stumbled across the fact that his home no longer stands on private property while seeking to have electricity installed last year.

Mr Castellain and his wife, Cedra, were "shocked and horrified", but not nearly as shocked and horrified as when they tried to correct the error.

The Act, they were told, contained no mechanism for the correction of a mistake that is likely to affect the value of their home, rule out loans for extensions or alterations, and make it difficult to remove unwanted visitors.

Mr David Harris, Conservative MP for St Ives, raised the plight of the Castellains in a late-night Commons debate before Christmas, and suggested there were many such people in Britain who were "blissfully unaware" that their property was registered as common land.

In Cornwall alone there are a half dozen known cases, and the National Farmers' Union believes there are hundreds nationwide.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for the Environment, Countryside and Planning, admitted that the situation was "an absurdity which must be put right".

He conceded that "we cannot leave constituents and clients in this ridiculous, indefensible position indefinitely", but could not say when the Government would introduce new legislation.

Wide-ranging reform of the 1965 Act was envisaged in a recently-published report of the Common Land Forum, an umbrella organization set up by the Countryside Commission to resolve conflicting claims from various pressure groups on common land.

Mr Waldegrave indicated that he was unwilling to bring forward early legislation on just one aspect of that carefully worked out package.

In the meanwhile, the peace of mind which the Castellains sought in remotest Cornwall has been shattered.

"We have been done a wrong for which we have been told there is no remedy and for which no-one takes responsibility," Mr Castellain said.

"It's an example of quite arbitrary dottiness. It's like a story from Kafka. It's as if they are saying we have done this to you, we are not going to do anything to remedy it, and it's a bit much of you to object."

Hailsham should go over Suez, says Benn

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

Mr Tony Benn called yesterday for the immediate suspension of Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, for his role in the Suez affair.

The former Labour minister also urged the creation of a select committee to investigate the subsequent "deception" of Parliament.

Mr Benn's demands come after the release of 1956 Cabinet papers, under the 30-year rule, which disclose Lord Mountbatten of Burma's extreme misgivings about the military operation in Egypt.

Lord Mountbatten, then the First Sea Lord, urged the Government to cease the operation. When Sir Anthony Eden declined to turn back the assault convoy, Mountbatten insisted that Lord Hailsham, then First Lord of the Admiralty, give him a direct order to proceed.

In a message to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Mr Benn calls for a Commons debate as soon as MPs return, and a select committee to examine "the extent of Lord Hailsham's personal complicity in, and knowledge of, the act of international aggression committed against Egypt by the 1956 Conservative government, in which Lord Hailsham served as a minister."

The committee should also investigate Lord Hailsham's personal involvement in the Government's "consequential deception" of Parliament and the public by failing to admit there was collusion with Israel, as shown by the Cabinet papers.

If Lord Hailsham had been involved, it would render him "completely unfit to hold any ministerial office, least of all his present post as head of the judiciary".

The papers released this week tell how Mountbatten formally lodged "the strongest possible protest" two days after appealing to Eden to order the assault convoy to turn back.

He told Lord Hailsham: "I recognize that a serving officer cannot back his protest by resignation at a time like this, so I must ask you to handle this whole matter on behalf of the Navy.

"Bearing in mind all the implications I must ask you, after consulting the Prime Minister, to give me an order to stay or go." He was told to stay.

Lord Hailsham was told of Mr Benn's demands yesterday but had nothing to say.

Mr Benn, however, said that Lord Hailsham, the only member of Sir Anthony Eden's Government still in the Cabinet, "was clearly a party to the process of both the aggression and the deception.

"Now he is head of the judiciary and takes every opportunity to lecture us on the need to maintain high moral standards."

With the general election approaching Lord Hailsham and his colleagues would talk about the defence of freedom, moral standards, and the war on terrorism but "it will all really be completely hypocritical".

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Rallying call

More than 100 huskies and owners have entered for the annual Husky Sled Dog Rally in Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire, on January 14.

Crime pays

Six out of ten burglaries in South Yorkshire go undetected, according to the Chief Constable, Mr Peter Wright.

Correction

Colonel J.C. Holman, who was made a CBE in the Army list of the New Year Honours, serves with Queen's, not the Royal Irish as stated on Wednesday.

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Hurd orders report on violence after 60 police are hurt

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, called yesterday for a report on the violence which left 60 police officers injured after disturbances during new year celebrations.

MPs and senior police officers have called for tough sentences on the drunken revellers said to be responsible for the incidents in towns and cities throughout the country.

A Home Office spokesman said yesterday: "The Home Secretary will give careful thought to any lessons that may be learned. There has been concern in the past, particularly about Trafalgar Square."

There were 168 arrests in Trafalgar Square for drunkenness but most of the violence was in other parts of Britain.

Staff at the Sunderland *District General Hospital*, Tyne and Wear, are said to have been "appalled at the extent of the injuries *which* occurred at new year, the majority of which were directly related to alcohol abuse."

Between 8pm on New Year's Eve and 6am the following morning, the hospital treated 118 patients for injuries resulting from violence and drunkenness. These included a stabbing, several assaults and a serious head injury.

"Many of the patients were abusive, although the staff were spared from being physically assaulted this year owing to a heavy police presence which had been arranged in advance," a statement issued by the hospital said.

One consultant in emergency reported that staff were becoming increasingly reluctant to work over the new year period because of the extent of abuse and aggression.

PC Andrew Berne, aged 22, was still recovering in hospital yesterday after receiving internal injuries when he was beaten senseless by revellers in Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

He was taken 50 miles to hospital where he was found to be critically ill. He was said to be in a satisfactory condition yesterday.

In Newport Pagnell, Buckinghamshire, WPC Mona Cooper was kicked unconscious when fighting broke out among 250 revellers. Other officers were injured as they went to her assistance.

In Lincoln, 300 people were involved in a running battle with 150 police officers, and in Gloucester 13 officers were injured by new year revellers.

In Brightlingsea, Essex, two officers were hurt in High Street scuffles that involved 200 youths.

PC Ken Vickers, aged 27, who began 1987 with splinters of glass embedded around his eyes after being hit by a milk bottle, was almost blinded trying to stop the new year riot *in Lincoln. A total of 27* policemen were injured, of whom five were still unfit for duty yesterday.

The Chief Constable of Lincolnshire, Mr Stanley Crump, said a group of football hooligans was thought to have been responsible for the violence.

"The officers did their job very bravely. There was an element in the crowd which was hell-bent *on trouble* and the result was mob rule. I am very disturbed about what happened," he said yesterday.

Tens of thousands of pounds in damage was caused during the disturbances and 35 shops in the city were looted.

Six people aged between 17 and 24 have been charged with offences including criminal damage, burglary, and assaulting police officers. They have been bailed to appear before Lincoln magistrates on January 26.

A further 19 youths have been bailed pending further inquiries and the police are confident of making further arrests after studying film and photographic evidence.

Superintendent Malcolm Rollinson, who led the operation, said: "Police had no warning of the incident, although we are now investigating the role of a group who have previously been responsible for trouble at *Lincoln* football matches, and are thought to have been in the area on New Year's Eve.

Mr Leslie Curtis, chairman of the Police Federation, said yesterday that the courts must get tough with those convicted of assaults on police and other violent crimes over the Christmas and new year period.

"The number of casualties suffered by the police over the *holiday period is quite* unacceptable. The police have always adopted a tolerant attitude to high spirits at this time of the year but there is no excuse for the vicious attacks on lone police officers, men and women, which have occurred in the past few days," he said.

"The courts must not shirk their responsibility to protect the police and the public from mob violence. Persons convicted of assaults on the police, and other violent crimes arising from such incidents, deserve and should receive immediate prison sentences."

PC rescues rescuer

Miss Bernadette Shanahan with her two Newfoundland dogs, Brenna and Jesse, who were all rescued from the icy Stour River at Christchurch, near Bournemouth, yesterday.

Quick action by Police Constable Andrew Sims (right) saved them from being swept away by *the strong current.*

Miss Shanahan, aged 27, of Christchurch Road, Bournemouth, *was walking* the *dogs* when they jumped into the water 15ft below. She went to their aid when she saw they were in trouble.

PC Sims, aged 28, who was quickly on the scene, stripped down to his underpants and shirt and also dived in.

"Before I *knew it* I was being swept downsteam with the current. Luckily I am a strong swimmer or I would be a goner by now," he said.

"I managed to make my way along the river bank to her and the dogs and shielded them."

Miss Shanahan, who had become entangled in bracken *and gorse, held on to the dogs* by the scruff of their necks.

It took rescuers more than 20 minutes to haul them to safety. Miss Shanahan was taken to hospital, but later released.

How laser can take over from microchip

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

British scientists have built an experimental computer that shows how tiny pulses of light, generated by miniature lasers, can replace micro-electronic circuits.

The successful operation of the device by a team working with Professor Desmond Smith, at Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh, is described in a technical paper in the latest issue of the international science journal *Nature*.

Dr Alan Miller, a senior scientist at the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment, Malvern, said the results demonstrated that it was possible to make the optical equivalent of the electronic components needed for mathematical calculations and storing information.

He visualized an optical microchip, consisting of a thin glass plate the size of a postage stamp, containing the equivalent of 100,000 electronic switches in the present generation of machines.

Several advantages resulted. The pulses of light are several hundred times faster than electronic switches and they are less susceptible to accidental interference or deliberate jamming.

Dr Miller recommended the development of the optical *machines for tasks which were* difficult for existing machines, and in particular for image processing.

He identified the handicap of present computer technology as its dependance on serial processing, where information was organized as a single stream of digits.

However, the optical computer could handle a large number of streams of information simultaneously, because like the brain it was a parallel rather than serial processor.

Portfolio —Gold—

Husband proved wrong

Mrs Halina Miszczak, an ophthalmic optician from Acton, west London, was the sole winner of yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize and will receive £4,000.

Mrs Miszczak, who has been playing since the game started, had almost given up hope of winning. "My husband was sure I wouldn't win; but I have proved him wrong. What a lovely way to start the *new year*."

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Pensioner dies after raid attack

A man aged 86 died in hospital yesterday, two days after he was found bound, gagged and beaten in his home.

Mr Richard Tinsley, a retired bricklayer, from St Helens, Merseyside, suffered a *fractured* skull and broken ribs in the attack last Tuesday.

His attacker stole more than £900 which Mr Tinsley had saved for his funeral.

Mr Tinsley managed to throw a shoe through his bedroom window to attract the attention of a passer-by, who arranged for him to be taken to *hospital*.

Three men have appeared before magistrates at St Helens, one charged with aggravated burglary and two others with dishonestly handling stolen goods.

Survival bag saves injured climber

By David Sapsted

Mountain rescue teams gave a warning yesterday that an injured climber survived only because he spent the night in a survival bag, but a third English climber has died in two days of treacherous weather in the West Highlands.

Christopher Sayer, aged 23, of Shirley, near Birmingham, was killed after a 1,000-ft fall on Mullach an Rathain in north-west Scotland.

The climber who survived, Mr George Gordon, aged 27, *of Aberdeenshire*, was rescued by an RAF helicopter yesterday after spending 24 hours alone in a survival bag in Arctic conditions on Ben Nevis, Britain's highest mountain.

His climbing companion raised the alarm the day before after climbing down the snow-covered mountain with only one boot.

A helicopter, which had been grounded at Fort William the previous day because of the blizzard, took Mr Gordon to Belford Hospital, Fort William, where he was comfortable last night with a shoulder injury and hypothermia.

"Most climbers now carry survival bags and, as this chap discovered, they can be *life-savers*," Mr Hamish MacInnes, of Glencoe Mountain Rescue, said.

"It has been a bad Hogmanay mainly because we have had more people than normal coming to the area, and this has coincided with very heavy snow falls. This has made conditions very dangerous and people, especially from the South, are just not aware of this."

Mr MacInnes said that wise climbers generally slipped a plastic survival bag into their rucksacks before setting out on a winter expedition. The weather in the Scottish Highlands could deteriorate rapidiy and equal Arctic conditions in a short time.

"The great quality of *plastic* is that it stops the cold wind chilling the body. Wind chill is the killer and there is probably nothing better than tough plastic to allow the body's heat *to build up a protection*," he said.

Four leading mountaineering *equipment retailers* in London had sold out of survival bags yesterday. One salesman said: "We had a run on them as people started to think about winter climbing. It wasn't pessimism, more being wise before the event."

Ben Nevis is a traditional new year attraction to climbers *from all over the country* while walkers descend on Glencoe. Avalanche warnings were posted in the area on New Year's Eve and people were advised to stick to ridges or easy slopes.

In spite of this, a student was killed on Glencoe and another died in a fall on Ben Nevis.

By yesterday, the snow had stopped and weather conditions in the area were improving.

● The brother of one of four British climbers lost in the Himalayas said yesterday he did not believe their chances of survival were good.

Mike Wooldridge, aged 26, and Chris Fox, a soldier whose brother is one of the *climbers, are back in Britain* after three weeks in Kashmir trying to retrace the steps.

The missing climbers are Ian Fox of Rosyth, Ian Kerr and David Wooldridge, of Blackburn, and Stephen Briggs whose parents are from Bristol. All are former instructors at the National School for *Mountain Activites* at Capel Curig in Snowdonia.

Mr Wooldridge said: "They were intending to climb Mt Hagsu, which is 21,000 feet, and we managed to confirm that they passed through a police post two days away on September 24-25 but they didn't come out.

● Two *fishermen, missing* since Thursday, have been found unhurt in their boat off Bognor Regis, West Sussex, after an all-night search by coastguards and helicopters.

Father blames self for son's motorway death

A father blamed himself for an accident yesterday in which his son and the driver of a car were killed on the M3 near Sunbury, Middlesex.

Mr Michael Harris, a postman, said that it was his idea to cross the motorway with his son, Colin, aged 27, and two friends to seek help after their car had broken down.

"There was nothing coming and I got safely over and then I heard a tremendous thump. I *turned* round and screamed when I saw what had happened," Mr Harris said.

His son was hit by a car and his body was thrown through the windscreen, killing the *driver*, Mr Peter Goodacre, aged 46.

"Colin and the poor driver *of the* car that hit him never had a chance. It was my fault, for God's sake," Mr Harris said.

The passengers in the car, Mr Goodacre's wife, Patricia, and their son, James, aged 20, of Willis Road, Swaythling, Southampton, and *his son's* girlfriend, aged 18, suffered minor injuries.

Mr Harris, of Shalstone Road, Mortlake, south-west London, said: "We are all just devastated. Colin and I had spent the day with my mother and we had had a lovely, super time."

He said he had just broken the news to his wife, Eileen, aged 68. "I should be comforting her but it is the other way round."

Mrs Harris said *that* Colin, a Post Office clerk, was a popular boy with many friends.

Samantha case man in court

A man appeared before Cheshunt magistrates in Hertfordshire yesterday, charged with the the abduction last week of Miss Samantha Ettridge, aged 17.

Peter Johan Chmilowskyj, aged 30, *of Berkshire Gardens*, Palmers Green, north London, was charged with kidnap*ping Miss Ettridge on* December 25, with intent to have unlawful sexual intercourse with her.

He was remanded in custody until January 22.

Mr Chmilowskyj appeared before Cheshunt magistrates on Wednesday on a similar charge relating to Miss Catherine Ainger, aged *19*, of Wood Green, north London.

Riot dress for ambulancemen

The West Midlands ambulance service has equipped all its stations with flame-proof *overalls* and hard *hel*mets to protect crews dealing with riot casualties.

Mr Ian van Crevell, deputy chief officer of the service, the second largest in the country, said the suits would be particularly useful where petrol bombs were being thrown. Military style uniforms had been avoided so that the men would still look like ambulancemen.

DJ jailed for drunk driving

Mike Ross, the former Radio North Sea disc jockey, was jailed for a month and disqualified for five years yesterday after admitting two drink-drive offences in four days over Christmas.

Ross, aged 39, who appeared before magistrates at *Great Yarmouth*, Norfolk, charged under his real name of Colin John Novelle, admitted being drunk while driving his car in the early hours of Christmas morning and similar offence four days earlier.

£40,000 gems lost at races

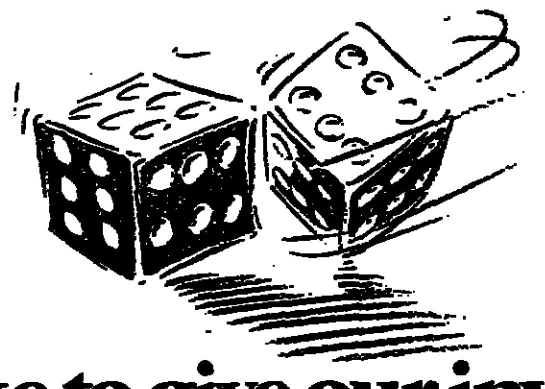
A day at the races cost one punter £40,000 — the value of jewellery in a handbag lost in the car park at Cheltenham racecourse.

Mrs Betty Williams, of Pucklechurch, near Bristol, told police her bag contained eight items, including a diamond and platinum ring valued at £23,000 and a *£14,000 white gold ring* with 15 diamonds.

£2,000 reward in taxi killing

Taxi drivers in Southampton have collected more than £2,000 as a reward for the capture of the man who stabbed their colleague Mr Ian Latter to death. They hope the public will add a further £3,000.

Mr Latter's body was found beside his blood-stained cab in Netley, Hampshire, last Sunday. Most of his takings were stolen.



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Macmillan ignored financial disaster warning over Suez

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Top Civil Servants at the Treasury warned ministers that there was disaster ahead if the United States did not back Britain's Suez venture in 1956, according to secret records released this week under the 30-year rule.

One of the most vital concerns at the time was the effect the Suez crisis was having on sterling. The run on the pound was one factor that forced the Cabinet to agree to a ceasefire only six days after the military operation was launched.

But it appears that the Civil Servants' predictions were largely ignored. On September 7, 1956, Sir Edward Bridges, Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, wrote to Harold Macmillan, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, and referred to the "vital necessity from the point of view of our currency and our economy of ensuring that we do not go it alone and that we have the maximum US support".

Macmillan marked that passage in the margin and three days later put in a note: "Yes: this is just the trouble. The US are being very difficult."

Yet Macmillan continued to be one of the Cabinet hawks, pushing for action against Nasser come what may.

On September 21, Sir Leslie Rowan, Second Secretary at the Treasury, posed the question in a minute to Macmillan whether "sterling could be strong and confidence returned even if Nasser fell".

Sir Leslie concluded: "The answer is, unfortunately, almost certainly no"Without joint action with the United States, sterling would be in "the greatest danger".

Macmillan wrote on the note: "This is gloomy, but very likely correct".

Yet Macmillan appears to have convinced himself that the Americans *would* go along with the British plans. On September 26, just after returning from Washington where he had seen President Eisenhower, he wrote to the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden.

He said he had a feeling that "Ike was really determined somehow or other to bring Nasser down."

However, all the subsequent documents released this week illustrate clearly that the US refused to show any support for sterling.

❛ Americans guilty of a most dishonest policy ❜

In his memoirs, Macmillan wrote that he telephoned the Secretary of the US Treasury on November 6 – the day of the ceasefire – and asked if they would bail Britain out and support the pound. But the Americans said they would do nothing to help until Britain stopped all aggression against Egypt.

Other documents released relating to the Anglo-US disagreements over Suez refer to what came to be known as the Dulles gaffe, and drove Eden to remark that the Americans were guilty "of a most dishonest policy".

On October 2, 1956, the American Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, held a press conference in which he appeared to link the problem of colonialism with the Suez issue. He talked of the very great problem of the shift from colonialism to independence, and although he was referring to Asia and Africa, he made his statements at the same time as he was answering questions about the mounting Suez crisis.

Dulles said the US would find that its role, not only then but in the coming years, would be to try to aid the process of independence "without identifying itself 100 per cent either with the so-called colonial powers or with the powers which are primarily and uniquely concerned with the problem of getting their independence as rapidly as possible".

In a telegram from the British Ambassador in Washington, Sir Roger Makins, to the Foreign Office, it is disclosed that Dulles drew the Ambassador aside at a function and apologized.

Sir Roger Makins warned Dulles of the "extremely hazardous" risks of holding such press conferences. Dulles agreed, but added that he thought that was almost the only time he had made "a really bad blunder".

The Foreign Office sent off a telegram to Makins saying that the remarks by Dulles would give encouragement to Nasser and, still worse, to the Russians.

Later, in a secret and personal letter to Sir Anthony Eden, Makins referred to the incident as "Dulles's gaffe", and added: "I have noticed before this deep-seated feeling about colonialism, which is common to so many Americans, occasionally welling up inside Foster like lava in a dormant volcano."

On the letter, Eden wrote in red ink of America's "most dishonest policy".

Harold Macmillan with President Eisenhower (left) and John Foster Dulles in happy mood at the Anglo-American conference in Bermuda in March, 1956. Six months later, Macmillan was to note that Americans were being "very difficult" about supporting the British action over the Suez Canal; and in November, Sir Anthony Eden was to accuse the US of a "most dishonest policy" after Dulles unwittingly linked concern about colonialism with the Suez crisis, remarks that were to become known as the Dulles gaffe. On the right, the moment that sparked the crisis: President Nasser announces in Alexandria the nationalization of the Suez Canal on July 26, 1956.

Cabinet pipedream of life after Nasser

By Our Whitehall Correspondent

Six days before the ill-fated Operation Musketeer was launched against Egypt to regain control of the Suez Canal in October 1956, the British Government outlined its political ambitions for a post-Nasser era in a top secret Cabinet document.

At *that stage, no* consideration had been given to the military commitments which might arise in *Egypt if* Operation Musketeer succeeded in occupying the Canal area.

But on October 25, a tightly-written Cabinet paper laid out the options for the possible occupation of Cairo and the *deposing of the* Nasser government.

Although it turned out to be a pipe-dream, it emphasized that in spite of many Cabinet members' misgivings over the use of force against Egypt, the ultimate objective of *overthrowing Nasser was still* one of the prime political aims once the Suez Canal had been wrested from Egyptian control.

The top secret paper stated: "Irrespective of the type of government which may exist once the Musketeer plan has been carried out, we consider *that the extent of the measures* required will be dictated by the situation in Egypt.

"In the worst case, we should expect that the Egyptian economy would have been seriously damaged; railways, roads, and communications largely disrupted; civil administration considerably *strained*, and *disease* more widespread than normal.

"Under such conditions, the restoration and maintenance of law and order would be no easy or rapid task."

The Cabinet paper went on: "Whatever the attitude of the *Egyptian Government may* be, an unpredictable proportion of the Egyptian people would be hostile. It must also be assumed that some elements of the Egyptian forces would be hostile and would present a threat. Guerrilla activity, on a greater or *lesser scale,* labour strikes, and other measures to make the task of the occupation forces more difficult must be expected.

"A government which is potentially hostile would require relatively stronger measures than one which was co-operative, but too weak to be effective without military and paramilitary assistance.

"On the other hand, it is possible that a hostile government might still be in power. In this case, it would first be necessary to overthrow such a government and create conditions favourable to the setting-up of one prepared to co-operate. It would then be for decision whether to withdraw our forces immediately and thereby gain credit from the successor government, or to remain in occupation."

The paper went on to say that should it prove necessary *to mount operations to establish* a friendly government, "we consider that we should be prepared to occupy Cairo and possibly Alexandria".

The paper added: "We consider that the size of an occupation force would be of the *order* of three to four divisions, together with their administrative backing. Certain air and naval forces would be also involved. In addition, specialist civil affair units to assist in the rehabilitation of Egypt might also be required."

To maintain such a force in Egypt, the Cabinet was prepared to withdraw indefinitely at least an infantry division from Germany, to commit most of the United Kingdom Strategic Reserve to Egypt, and to prolong the retention of many reservists.

The detailed strategy for occupation and control of Egypt dated October 25 is all the more remarkable when contrasted with a Cabinet discussion the day before.

The Cabinet minutes record that there were growing fears over the delays in the launching of Operation Musketeer.

The minutes state: "The *military operation could not be* held in readiness for many days longer. There was growing dissatisfaction among the reservists and the condition of the vehicles which had been loaded in merchant ships for many weeks was now deteriorating, and the time was fast approaching when they would have to be unloaded and serviced."

There was talk of bringing the Suez issue to a head by diplomatic means – in other words to give the Egyptians an ultimatum over British and French demands for *international* control of the Suez Canal.

It is clear from the records that the majority of the Cabinet were unaware that on that very day, *October 24,* a secret meeting – the second that week – was being held in Sèvres, near Paris, with the French and the Israelis to agree a co-ordinated plan of action over Suez that would bring about an Israeli attack on Egypt on October 29, and provide Britain and France with the excuse to intervene.

Ministers caught in dilemma over nuclear tests strategy

By Our Whitehall Correspondent

The Cabinet in early 1956 was desperately anxious to stop any leaks about plans for a series of nuclear tests in the South-west Pacific in the spring of 1957.

According to declassified papers released this week, a Cabinet meeting on February 22 concluded that any official announcement so far in advance of the proposed tests would "stimulate political controversy on the general question of nuclear tests", and a decision was taken to say nothing.

By June 5, 1956, discussion of a possible announcement came up again in Cabinet. But this time there was an added problem. A Medical Research Council committee which had been examining the hazards of nuclear radiation was due to publish its report six days later.

The question was, should the Government announce the next year's planned *thermo-nuclear weapons tests* before or after publication of the report.

During a visit to Washington earlier in the year, the *Prime Minister,* Sir Anthony Eden, had been told by President Eisenhower that the United States was satisfied that "there was no scientific basis for the belief that nuclear tests were dangerous to health".

The Medical Reseach Council report was also "reassuring". The committee had found that the genetic effects of thermo-nuclear tests were "*insignificant*", *and that* the risk from the accumulation of strontium in human bones would not become serious unless tests continued at their recent level for several decades.

So a government announcement *about the tests after the* report was published would benefit from the argument that nothing in the conclusions substantiated a claim *that carrying out the tests* would significantly increase the hazards of radiation to human life.

However, it was felt in the *Cabinet meeting of June 5 that* concealment of the preparation for the tests was becoming increasingly difficult. So the Cabinet decided that the announcement would be made before the report was published.

Thirty years later, the *present government has been* forced under pressure from many MPs and British servicemen who were involved in the tests, to order a *comprehensive investigation* of the medical records of the thousands who took part, to see if there is any evidence of above-average cases of cancer *and leukaemia and other radiation-related diseases.*

Members of the air task force formed to take part in atomic tests in the South-west Pacific gathering at *RAF* Westonzoyland, Somerset, in March 1956. More tests were planned for the following year, but the Cabinet was caught in a dilemma about when it should announce the new programme as it did not want to stimulate further *controversy on the hazards of such tests.*

Bicycle protest

BR rejects mobile hula hoop

By Guy Ker

Bicycles were dismantled, dismembered, disguised and destroyed yesterday at a busy mainline station as devotees of the two-wheeled transport staged a bizarre protest at what they claim is British Rail's hostility to their cause.

Members of the London Cycling Campaign tried various *ruses to sidestep the rule* which bars unfolded bicycles on suburban electric train services when they tried to board the 10.20am from *London to Bedford at St* Pancras station.

While travellers watched with a mixture of amusement and bemusement, one racing bicycle was wrapped in brown paper and string to transform it into a package; another was reduced to a collection of parts; a third was worn in the manner of a hula hoop and a fourth was crumpled into a compact heap of *mangled* metal.

The destroyed machine was the only one to be allowed on to the departing train as the station manager, Mr David Richardson, and the area shift manager, Mr Michael Thirlwall, ruled that it alone complied with Department of Transport regulations designed to keep access to emergency exits free at all *times.*

Accounts of the difficulties experienced in taking bicycles by train were given by several of the 20 demonstrators from the London Cycling Campaign, who carried banners *proclaiming* that *bicycle* plus train equals "The Journey Shrinker".

Mr Mark Strong, aged 25, claimed that a recent group outing had been ruined because British Rail had allowed *only two bicycles on to a train* at a time.

He said: "*There's no* consistency. It's all ad hoc and you never really know whether you are going to be allowed on or not."

Miss Jo Child, the group's media officer, said new restrictions and carriage designs meant it was harder than ever to take bicycles on to trains, and bans on peak-time travel meant that the bicycle's value as a form of commuter *transport was being ignored.*

"We've come here today to focus on this line, because it's particularly bad, but what we're saying is that British Rail could do a lot better throughout its network", she said.

The criticisms were rejected by Mr Thirlwall, who said that bicycles could be taken on any Inter-City trains provided a *reservation was made, while* the ban on carrying unfolded machines on suburban services which had no guards' vans for storage was entirely reasonable.

He said: "I think we've got the balance about right."

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Racal buy-out will intensify battle for car-phone market

By David Sapsted

The £110 million buy-out by Racal of minority shareholders in its Vodafone operation this week is certain to intensify the fierce High Street battle between Britain's two cellular radio networks.

Since cellular radio went on the air two years ago, it has surpassed all expectations by becoming the fastest-growing sector of the electronics market, with 120,000 sets now in use.

There has been intense rivalry between the two consortia granted licences by the Government five years ago — Racal-Millicom-Hambro, and British Telecom-Securicor.

Retail prices have tumbled to such an extent that both Telecom and Racal, which operates the system only, rather than the hardware side, have been worried that dealers may be selling sets too cheaply to guarantee an effective back-up and maintenance service.

A typical cellular radio that would have cost almost £1,300 two years ago now has a list price of £900, and many dealers are selling at discount prices well below that figure.

Racal claims a 52-48 per cent edge in the market butTelecom suggests that Racal is massaging the figures and that there is nothing to choose between them.

When the rival systems, Racal's Vodaphone and Telecom's Cellnet, went on air in January 1985, few people expected such a battle for customers.

The rival operators believe that about 500,000 sets will be in use by 1990 and that they will both, by that time, have exceeded the government licence requirement of having cellular radio networks available to 90 per cent of the population.

The system, which originated in the United States a quarter of a century ago, differs from traditional car radio systems, which are dependant on powerful transmissions beamed nationwide, by using relatively small areas — the cells — and low-powered transmitters.

The same wavelengths can be used in inner London as, say, Manchester, because computers track customers; and, as they move out of one cell, transfer the signal to the next.

"A cellular radio, because it is linked to the normal phone system, enables you to reach any one of 500 million telephone users in the world," Racal says.

The surprise has been that the advantage of cellular radio, once envisaged as a rich man's toy, has been so quickly appreciated by small businesses and the self-employed, who need to be constantly available if they are not to lose work and money.

Usage in the South-east, where both systems were first introduced, still accounts for about half the national total but the idea is spreading rapidly as the network expands. Both Racal and Telecom are connecting about 1,000 new customers each week.

"We are getting about as many new clients a week as we can handle," a spokesman for Telecom said.

Racal's successful bid to secure 100 per cent of Vodafone inevitably means greater competition between the rivals. Telecom recently had to restructure its charges — £25 rental a month and 33p a minute for peaktime calls from inner London — to bring them into line with Racal because people believed (erroneously, according to Telecom) that their service was more expensive.

Humphrey Lyttleton, the band leader, trumpeting the joys of old age in London yesterday to Mr and Mrs Leonard Morgan, of Holloway (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Campaign to sing praises of old age

The charity, Age Concern, launched its Year of Celebrating Age yesterday with a party in London and the message that old age is something to sing about, a positive bonus instead of a burden.

Age Concern, with other organizations, hopes to make 1987 the year when old age is perceived as something to look forward to.

Mr David Hobman, Age Concern's director, said at a party at the Serpentine Restaurant in Hyde Park: "We want to get rid of the idea that elderly people are universally poor, sick, isolated and a burden on society.

"We just want to change attitudes. The old have time, skills, and experience, and even if they are poor, they have some money to help the economy."

He criticized doctors whose view of old people with health problems was: "What do you expect at your age?" Age Concern's campaign aimed to give old people a greater sense of their own worth.

Among the guests at the party was Mrs Gertrude Shilling, famous for her Ascot hats, wearing a new creation.

Miss Patricia Hayes, aged 77, the actress, said she could not see why it should be necessary to celebrate old age. She felt happier than ever before.

Business charity's accounts frozen

By a Staff Reporter

The Charity Commission has ordered an inquiry into the affairs of Recall, an organization set up to help elderly people start their own businesses, and has frozen its bank accounts.

Recall, in turn, is threatening to sue the commission for £250,000 for alleged "gross delay and neglect".

Mr James Stanton Barber, aged 59, director general of Recall, claimed that the organization had to wait two years for its charitable registration to be confirmed. This had hampered fund-raising and involved losses, he said.

The Charity Commission, in a statement announcing the inquiry, said: "The inquirers have various powers to compel the production of documents and other evidence. They have frozen the charity's bank accounts."

Mr Stanton Barber said that only two projects had been set up with Recall help since he founded the charity in August 1984, but 60 others were on file. Progress had been hampered by the delay in confirming charitable status.

Recall is based in Leatherhead, Surrey, at Mr Stanton Barber's home. He said that he had sold his house to raise money for the charity and was now claiming unemployment benefit.

CI3 to aid airport security

By Our Crime Reporter

Detectives from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, CI3, are being drafted in to ease financial and manpower pressures on Special Branch officers at Heathrow Airport.

Sir Kenneth Newman, Metropolitan Police Commissioner, said in his annual report last year that an increase of 25 per cent was needed in Special Branch personnel to keep pace with demand.

There are 425 Special Branch officers. At Heathrow, they monitor arrivals and departures and, with uniformed police, provide protection against terrorist attacks.

Special Branch also provides protection for the Prime Minister, senior Cabinet ministers, former prime ministers and other high-risk figures, including some former ministers and British and overseas diplomats.

The Special Branch officers are also responsible for combating espionage and subversion, working alongside MI5.

The VIP protection teams involve about 70 officers. However the opening of Heathrow's fourth terminal has meant that another 70 at least are required for airport duties.

Police pay decision expected

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Reporter

An arbitration decision is expected next week on a pay dispute between senior police officers, the Home Office and local authorities over a claim for a 9 per cent rise.

The dispute affects more than 200 members of the Association of Chief Police Officers, which covers ranks from commanders in London to chief constables in provincial forces.

The association, led by Mr James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, argues that the 9 per cent rise is needed to maintain differentials between ranks, encouraging officers to seek promotion.

It also calls for pay parity between the Chief Constable of the RUC and the head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service.

The association was offered a package which would have meant 7.5 per cent for assistant chief constables or their equivalents, ranging down to 5.5 per cent for chief constables.

After an attempt at conciliation the two cases were placed before the Police Arbitration Tribunal.

In London, a commander earns £28,626 and a deputy assistant commissioner £32,302.

Pregnant women given lambing time warning

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Pregnant women have been warned by the Ministry of Agriculture to avoid close contact with ewes at lambing time because of the risk of an infection which can cause human abortions.

The warning, aimed principally at farmers' wives and female veterinary surgeons, refers to chlamydia, a common infectious disease in sheep which causes 30 per cent of abortions in the animal.

Pregnant women are vulnerable to the infection, which can lead to serious illness and miscarriage. Specialists at Edinburgh City Hospital published studies a year ago of six cases, including five births of premature babies who subsequently died, and one case in which the mother died.

In the last two lambing seasons there have been several confirmed cases of the infection passing on to pregnant women with serious consequences, according to this week's *Veterinary Record*.

In two cases the patients were farmers' wives who had helped with lambing, and another was of a female veterinarian who had been in contact with aborted lambs.

The symptoms in women are similar to those of influenza, but the condition of a sufferer rapidly worsens. The illness can be successfully treated with antibiotics if diagnosed promptly.

The warning from the ministry indicates that there has been a fourfold increase in outbreaks of the infection among sheep between 1978 and 1985, when there were 1,161 reported cases.

Tourist boom expected by hedgehog isle

A remote Scottish island is expecting a tourist invasion this year, thanks to its hedgehogs.

North Ronaldsay (population 80), the most northerly island in the Orkneys, made news last summer when residents organized a round-up of hedgehogs.

"There were so many they threatened our rare birds by eating their eggs," Dr Kevin Woodbridge, the island's GP, said.

Students from Leicester Polytechnic estimated that hedgehogs outnumbered islanders by 10 to 1.

Hunters wearing gloves captured 130 hedgehogs, which were deported by airfreight to Glasgow and Edinburgh as garden pest killers.

"Now many more people know about North Ronaldsay and an increasing number of bird-watchers are coming here," Dr Woodbridge said.

"Our problem is finding accommodation for them."

Church woos choirboys with perks

A church that is short of singers is hoping to increase numbers by offering choirboys a special package of perks.

Members of the choir at St John's Church, Frome, Somerset, can now look forward to:

- **Alternate Sundays off.**
- **Games of football and rounders when choir practice becomes a yawn.**
- **Cut-price piano and organ lessons.**
- **Free trips to pantomimes and the seaside.**

Mr Colin Novell, aged 49, the choirmaster, of Maytree Close, Frome, said: "At the moment boys just don't seem to be keen, so we thought we should try giving the choirboy job a new image.

"They don't even have to attend church every Sunday — that may bring them along." If after six months the offer has not worked St John's will consider breaking the time-honoured tradition of their male-only choir.

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Italian engineers taken as hostages

Nairobi — Two Italian engineers, working on Ethiopia's largest foreign aid project near the Blue Nile's source at Lake Tana, have been taken hostage along with 22 Ethiopians, in a rebel attack by heavily armed, anti-government guerrillas (A Correspondent writes).

About 40 Ethiopian soldiers and civilians were killed, and 20 more wounded in an ambush on December 27, which has only now been reported. The hostages were seen being taken away by lorry in the direction of the Sudan border.

Meanwhile, the Ethiopian leader, Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, has flown to the site of the attack, 250 miles north-west of Addis Ababa, to arrange for additional protection to be given to the ambitious Tana-Beles irrigation project, which is designed to use water from Lake Tana for a large resettlement scheme that will eventually support two million Ethiopian peasants.

According to the Italian Ambassador in Addis Ababa, Signor Sergio Angeletti, the attackers, who were armed with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades, clashed with a road construction party, escorted by Ethiopian militia.

Although the exact identity of the rebels has not yet been ascertained, a clandestine radio station operated by the Tigrean People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said that it had received a claim by the Democratic Alliance of the Ethiopian Peoples that it had carried out the ambush.

Sabotage at Nato

Luxembourg (Reuter) — About 100 US-built tanks housed at a Nato military camp in Luxembourg have been sabotaged, according to Ministry of Justice sources, who said that the saboteurs tampered with the highly sensitive electronics and optical parts directing the tanks' steering and firing mechanisms.

An immediate inquiry had been launched at the Sanem camp, in Luxembourg's south-west corner, which has about 200 mainly locally-employed personnel.

Turks in protest

Istanbul (Reuter) — A group of Turks protested at the British consulate-general yesterday at a sudden rise in the number of people refused entry into Britain.

A spokesman said that the group included five turned away by immigration officers on New Year's Eve. Twenty-four others had been refused entry on Sunday. The group left the consulate after being told of their right to appeal against the decision and against some alleged ill treatment by officials at *Heathrow*.

Sikh escape bid fails

Delhi (Reuter) — Eight suspected Sikh extremists staged an abortive jail break in Punjab yesterday, strangling a guard and scaling a wall by means of their unwound turbans before one escapee was shot dead by guards.

Ten others, including an assistant prison superintendent and three of the escapees, were injured in the escape at the central *jail in Nabha, a former princely town near the* industrial city of Patiala, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

The eight Sikhs, all jailed awaiting trial, removed bricks from their cell wall. Seven of the inmates crept outside while the eighth called to a guard for water. The guard was overpowered and strangled.

The government-run All-India Radio said the eight men then unwound their 18 ft turbans and used them to scale an inner wall, but they were spotted at the outer wall by guards.

Cardinal makes offer

Jerusalem — Cardinal John O'Connor of New York, right, offered yesterday to meet Israeli leaders during his present visit to the country — provided it was not in Jerusalem (Ian Murray writes).

Shortly before he arrived on Thursday the cardinal had cancelled appointments to meet government members on the orders of the Vatican, apologizing that such a meeting could be interpreted as recognition by the Vatican of the state of Israel.

Apology to Kohl

Bonn (Reuter) — Chancellor Kohl has accepted an apology from ARD, the TV network which screened a year-old address to the nation on New Year's Eve.

A spokesman said that the Government expected ARD soon to announce action to avoid such mishaps in the future.

Iranian demand

Iran is demanding that the summit meeting of Islamic leaders due to be held in Kuwait on January 26 be switched to another country (Hazhir Teimourian writes). The Foreign Minister, Dr Ali-Akbar Velayati, said all Islamic states had to agree on the location of the conference.

Fagin lives, in Dhaka

Dhaka — Bangladesh police have unearthed a training school for pickpockets in the heart of Dhaka, according to the Bengali-language newspaper *Khabar* (Ahmed Fazl writes).

The newspaper said that the school was training more than 60 young boys on how to pick pockets in crowded cinema houses, railway stations and inside buses. Courses offered also include practical measures to save one's skin when caught in the act.

Four alleged instructors were arrested after the school was found on Thursday during a drive against pickpockets.

West African visit

Chalker will try to ease strained ties with Ghana and Nigeria

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, flies to West Africa tomorrow to strengthen ties with two Commonwealth countries strained by disagreements over the best way to end apartheid in South Africa.

Her message to the leaders of Nigeria and Ghana will be that Whitehall wants majority rule in South Africa as much as they do, but that it remains convinced that mandatory sanctions would be counter-productive.

She will point, as justification for Mrs Thatcher's stand, to President Botha's restrictions on press freedom and other repressive measures in the wake of sanctions imposed by the US Congress.

"One of the awful things has been the way that a sizeable number of whites have gone back into the laager, which is what we always feared would flow from sanctions," she said yesterday. "We and the black African states have the common objective in South Africa of elimination of apartheid."

Her nine-day tour also has important trade, aid and bilateral implications. It includes a side-trip to the former French colony of Benin, where she will try to establish a trade foothold. She will be accompanied on the tour by 12 senior British businessmen.

The businessmen, from companies in banking, construction, engineering and security printing, hope to build on Britain's £2.15 billion stake in Nigeria and Ghana.

Relations with Nigeria are emerging from the cloud left by the bungled attempt on a former minister, Mr Umaru Dikko, while in Britain. The 12-year sentence passed in London in February 1985 on a Nigerian roving ambassador, Mr Mohammed Yusufu, for having attempted to kidnap *Mr Dikko, was an impediment* to relations.

It was compounded by Britain's refusal to consider the Nigerian Government's demand for Mr Dikko to be extradited, pending a hearing of his appeal against refusal by the Home Office to grant political asylum.

Mrs Chalker will tell President Babangida, who came to power in August 1985 and has followed a more pro-British line, that the appeal will be heard by a tribunal in March.

If he is granted asylum, Nigeria's extradition request, which is based on its Commonwealth status as there is no extradition treaty, will not be considered. If the appeal is rejected, Mr Dikko could be extradited.

Both in Nigeria and Ghana, Mrs Chalker aims to show Britain's strong approval of realistic economic policies followed by both Governments. Nigeria, while officially refusing to toe the line recommended by the International Monetary Fund, has achieved almost everything international bankers would have expected. Ghana is considered a model of successful application of IMF criteria.

Nigeria is close to qualifying for British export credits as soon as the IMF has given its stamp of approval.

The Club of Paris, which considers government-to-government debts, has already granted in principle a re-scheduling of Nigeria's debts when IMF approval is official.

This approval, believed imminent, would be followed by a meeting of the London Club, then of commercial banks, to re-schedule the commercial part of *Nigeria's foreign debts*. Britain's exposure is close to 50 per cent of Nigeria's total debts of $21 billion.

As Nigeria is by far the most important market for British goods in black Africa, exceeding all other black African countries put together, there is anxiety to encourage policies acceptable to the international banking community.

Mrs Chalker: warning about South Africa sanctions.

The businessmen with Mrs Chalker hope for assurances that Nigeria will allow a larger proportion of profits earned locally to be repatriated.

Mrs Chalker will be the first British minister to visit Benin since independence in 1960. Her trip arises from signs that the former French colony has abandoned the Soviet model. Mr Frédéric Affor, the Benin Foreign Minister, hinted last year that he would welcome closer links with Britain, and Mrs Chalker's visit aims to seize that opportunity.

In Ghana, Mrs Chalker will meet General Gerry Rawlings, a former flight lieutenant who first seized power in 1979. There was then a coup in 1982, after which he suspended the constitution, abolished Parliament, and has not since restored democracy.

The trains now standing . . .

Striking French rail workers blocking the tracks in front of TGV high-speed trains at noon at the Gare du Lyon in Paris yesterday. Moments later riot police moved in to clear the way for the trains' departure, *but the strike continues . . .*

South Africa's unrest

Three people burnt to death as blacks run riot in resorts

Johannesburg (Reuter) — South Africa's new year began violently with three blacks burnt to death in Soweto, and one death and at least 11 *people injured at packed holiday* resorts where black crowds went on the rampage, authorities said yesterday.

The Bureau for Information said that a black man and woman were set on fire by about 20 people it described as "black radicals" in the Emdeni district of Soweto.

Another woman was burnt to death by about 90 blacks in the White City area of Soweto, the community for two million people just outside Johannesburg, the bureau said.

Police found another black man with burns to the upper body and head in the Eastern Cape township of Kwa-*Nobuhle, it said.*

"Necklacing" — killing a person by putting a petrol-filled tyre round the neck — has become common in South Africa's townships during three years of political violence which have claimed more than 2,200 lives.

Radicals have often used the method to kill blacks considered to be collaborators with the Government.

A member of the security forces was badly wounded in Alexandra township on Thursday when he was shot by a group of blacks. The township, between wealthy Johannesburg suburbs, is one of the most militant; more than 20 people died there in riots in February.

Residents of popular Indian Ocean resorts along the Natal coast were counting the cost yesterday after black crowds ran riot on New Year's Day.

Police had stepped up patrols and used helicopters to try to prevent a recurrence of racial violence at Natal beaches over Christmas.

A black crowd went on the rampage at a Durban beach, terrorizing lifeguards who locked themselves in changing rooms.

Police moved in with tear gas after the crowd began looting a restaurant. Blacks threw stones at the police who replied with birdshot, injuring *nine people, police said.*

Black passengers left a trail of violence after their train was delayed at a signal at Winkelspruit, some 18 miles south of Durban. Impatient passengers got off the train and began stoning it, damaging 11 coaches.

A group of blacks ran to a camp site reserved for Indians and stabbed a youth to death, police said.

Police said they shot and wounded a black man after more trouble on the train further down the line.

At Umgababa, near Durban, about 60 black youths rioted, ransacking a tea room, stoning vehicles and trying to set fire to a petrol pump.

Police said the youths were chanting slogans of the banned African National Congress, the main guerrilla group fighting to end white rule.

Botswana leader escapes grenade

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

President Quett Masire of Botswana was reported yesterday to have had a narrow escape when a hand grenade exploded near a house where an elderly woman was killed by unknown gunmen.

He was visiting the scene of the New Year's Day attack at Ramotsha, about 20 miles south of Gaborone, the capital, and half a mile from the Botswana border with the South African homeland of Bophuthatswana. Five Botswana soldiers were injured when the grenade went off.

Earlier his office said that the possibility could not be ruled out that the attackers were agents of the South African Government.

Police said the body of Mrs Thero Segopa, aged 72, mother of five children, was burnt beyond recognition after her home was attacked with automatic weapon fire and grenades.

The South African Defence Force has refused comment on the Botswana allegations, but said it was aware that "this kind of violence regularly occurs between differing terrorist elements". *The Times* was told that the Ramotsha area was regarded as a "Piccadilly Circus" for African National Congress guerrillas infiltrating South Africa.

Last month South African commandos seized five people and killed a boy in attacks on suspected ANC hideouts in Swaziland.

San Juan hotel toll reaches 53

San Juan (Reuter) — Puerto Rican police were yesterday searching for evidence of mass murder by arson, as the death toll reached 53 after a fire swept a luxury hotel on New Year's Eve.

The grim search for the dead was all too successful as workers found bodies under bodies in the rubble of the Dupont Plaza Hotel. The Puerto Rican Governor, Mr Rafael Hernández Colón, said he expected the death toll to reach 100.

Investigators, suspecting arson, interviewed witnesses and searched for evidence of bombs. There were unconfirmed reports that the remains of four incendiary devices had been found, but Miss Sila Calderone, chief of staff for the Governor, said results of the investigation probably would not be available for a few days.

The arson investigation is centred round suspicions that an industrial dispute at the hotel may have been behind the disaster. About 300 of the employees are members of a union that was engaged in bitter negotiations.

Two or three small fires occurred earlier in the week, and just before Wednesday's fire the workers — meeting in the ballroom where the fire began — voted to reject the latest management proposal.

Mr Hernández suggested that the labour situation could have been a motive. He said witnesses *had* reported *that* warnings were circulated in the casino moments before the fire that something was going to happen.

The union, which said it lost some members in the fire, denied involvement. Mr Rene Rodriguez, president of the Teamsters' Union chapter at the hotel, said: We are flatly denying that the union had anything to do with that fire."

Howe follows Drake armed only with a briefcase

***From Geoffrey Matthews* Bogotá**

In *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, the masterpiece by Gabriel García Márquez, Sir Francis Drake goes crocodile hunting with cannon in Colombia's Caribbean jungles, the unfortunate targets of his firepower later being "*stuffed with straw to bring to* Queen Elizabeth".

Today, another knight — Sir Geoffrey Howe — is due to follow in Drake's footsteps during a visit to Cartagena, where for centuries mere mention of "*Los Británicos*" was enough to provoke the most bloodcurdling oaths.

Founded *in 1533*, it is the legendary "heroic city" of the Spanish *conquistadores*, which earned its name for valour against countless British task forces over the centuries.

At long last, however, it seems that "*Los Cartagueneros*" are willing to let bygones be bygones. Indeed, Cartagena's mayor is to present Sir Geoffrey with the keys to a city the British never took, a marvellous flight of fantasy (rather than mere fancy) worthy of García Márquez, the 1982 Nobel prize-winner, whose works are firmly rooted in the region's folklore.

But this extraordinary honour will not be bestowed until after Sir Geoffrey and Lady Howe have been taken on an educational sightseeing trip of the sea walls, forts and battlements which held the British at bay.

Built like Fort Knox, Carta*gena was a key port from* which new world treasure was shipped back to Spain. Cannon blazing, Drake, Hawkins and Vernon steered their fleets into the beautiful bay, but only Drake for a few hours managed to break into the city and that was in the early days — 1586 — long before its defences *took* on their final impregnable grandeur.

No doubt mischievous local officials will take Sir Geoffrey to a museum to show him ancient and highly prized medals. They were struck by Sir Edward Vernon in 1741 to commemorate in advance the victory he felt certain of *winning at Cartagena*.

He lost, of course. In the longest and bloodiest of the many sieges Cartagena endured — it lasted 56 days — Vernon's armada of 27,000 men and 3,000 pieces of artillery was eventually repelled by the city's crack troops led by their one-eyed, one-armed and lame commander, Blas de Lezo.

Sir Geoffrey's path to Colombia's Caribbean has been smoothed by the success of the British film, *The Mission*, which was shot on location in 1985 in Cartagena's lovely old inner city, a jewel of Spanish colonial *architecture, and in jungle* regions farther north.

The producer, David Puttnam, estimated that $7.5 million (£5 million) of the film's $20 million budget was spent in Colombia. *The Mission* has just opened in cinemas here to big business at the box office.

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Israel rethinks its image

Peres softens line on PLO and portrays Syria as main enemy

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israel is seeking to soften its international image, taking a more moderate line against the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and at the same time emphasizing it recognizes the legitimate rights of Palestinians. Syria, rather than the PLO, is to be portrayed in future as Israel's main enemy.

The rethink of the traditional hardline Israeli propaganda, has been ordered by Mr Shimon Peres, who took over as Foreign Minister in October. He has brought in as new head of the ministry's information division Ms Colette Avital, to oversee the new approach.

While work on creating the new image goes ahead, the Army has started an intensified study on how to control crowds without early recourse to firing live ammunition. Four Palestinians were killed and 21 wounded during the wave of disturbances in the occupied territories last month, and the UN Security Council passed a strong resolution of censure against this use of force.

The United States, which abstained to allow the resolution to be carried, informed Israel that it believed excessive use had been made of live ammunition in controlling the demonstration. Israel's enemies were acknowledged here to have scored a propaganda victory because of the tough army line.

The image-building by the Foreign Ministry is to concentrate on emphasizing Israel's present position on negotiations for peace. Apart from repeating the Camp David formula that Palestinians have legitimate rights, the new line is to include ideas put forward by Mr Peres when he was Prime Minister. These are a recognition of the existence of a "Palestinian people" and agreement to participate or cooperate in an "international forum" for peace.

The shift in attitude towards the PLO was foreshadowed by a decision last month to stop issuing inquirers about Israel's position with copies of the Palestine National Covenant – the PLO charter which calls for the abolition of the state of Israel. This has been used until now to prove Israel's case that it cannot negotiate with an organization committed to its destruction.

Mr Shimon Peres: ordered switch in propaganda.

Although Israeli diplomats will continue to brand the PLO as a terrorist organization, they will emphasize that Syria, by its massive military build-up and its support for more radical Palestinian groups, poses the greater dangers.

The overall aim is to present a more positive image of Israel as a country searching for peace surrounded by negative, anti-peace Arab countries. Emphasis will be placed on Israel's democratic government and its social achievements, in contrast with the normal lifestyle in the Arab world.

At the same time, care is being taken to base everything on past statements by the Government and ministers so there will be no danger of causing arguments within the coalition.

In its attempt to find an effective way of handling demonstrations, the Army is to experiment with rubber bullets which have a longer range than those now in use, which cannot carry as far as a stone can be thrown. They are also to test protective gear, such as helmets and shields, which are currently little used, with soldiers in consequence resorting to the use of their guns when they come under attack from stone-throwers.

A serious difficulty is the shortage of manpower. Many of last month's incidents occurred when small groups of four or five soldiers found themselves surrounded by hundreds of angry demonstrators.

Fatah pledge to fight Iran

From Robert Fisk
Beirut

With unselfconscious irony, the PLO's main guerrilla organization has marked the 22nd anniversary of its struggle against Israel with a promise that it will fight against Iran if Iraqi territory is further occupied by Iranian troops.

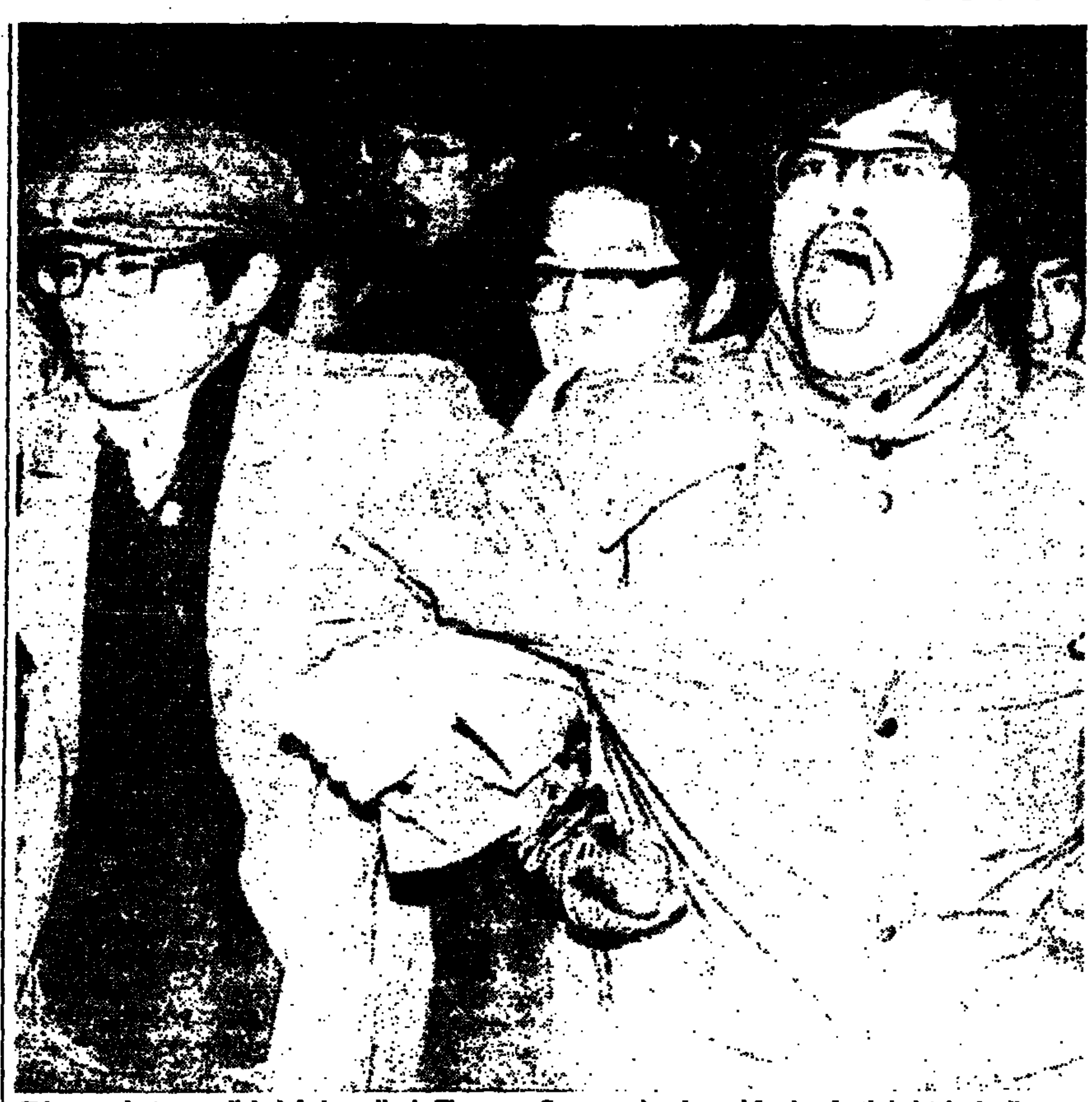
The extreme Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine joined the Fatah movement of Mr Yassir Arafat in this declaration in a moment of rare unity.

Mr Salah Khalaf, who helped to found the Fatah movement with Mr Arafat, told a Palestinian rally in Kuwait that "the Palestinians stand by the Army and people of Iraq, ready to sacrifice their blood in defence of Iraqi territory against Iranian invasion". It was a forthright statement, reflecting the reliance of the PLO on Iraq's friendship far more than any real desire to fight against the Iranians.

Mr Khalaf derided Iran's promise to "liberate" Jerusalem. If Iran was sincere in its desire to enter Jerusalem, he said, it could have achieved this end with only a fraction of the Iranian troops who died in the last offensive against the Iraqis and Basra.

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq may choose to acknowledge this extraordinary display of Arab solidarity by the Palestinians, but he will not take it too seriously. Fatah guerrillas are far too involved in the bitter fighting in Lebanon to have any real enthusiasm for front-line service in the Gulf, a fact evident in the peroration of Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, a member of the PFLP Politburo.

Four years after the PLO was driven from Lebanon, he said, "the men and arms have returned . . . and our women give birth to more commandos".


Chinese students, arms linked, facing police in Tiananmen Square as they demand freedom for their detained colleagues.

The demonstrations in Peking

Hints of official approval

From David Bonavia, Hong Kong

The confidence with which more than 2,000 Chinese students have continued to demonstrate in Peking's main city square has cast further doubt on the top political leadership's desire to suppress them completely.

The capital's police and security forces have continued to take a relatively soft line with the students, despite the issuing of special regulations to bring them to heel.

The media, however, have accused "Taiwan agents" of infiltrating the demonstrations and seeking to overthrow the Communist Party.

This is, at best, a dubious claim. The Taiwan leadership is relatively comfortable with the policies of Mr Deng Xiaoping, the elder statesman, as the moderate line promises a chance to continue to enjoy economic prosperity without a serious threat of invasion from the mainland.

Some Peking students were reported to have carried banners inscribed "Long live Deng Xiaoping" during their demonstrations. Many people in China believe Mr Deng's policies are the country's last hope of an increase in living standards and more cultural and political freedom, albeit gradually introduced.

If the authorities wanted to suppress the demonstrations, the police could have stopped them outside Peking University.

As happened in 1976, political leaders – who have access to the Great Hall of the People from their residential complex – could watch the demonstrations from windows. If they intended to suppress them completely, they easily could, especially at night when there are few witnesses to police get-tough policies.

Mr Deng and his supporters share a personal hatred of the policies of mass demonstration and intimidation of officials, such as prevailed for several years during the Cultural Revolution.

Their concept of democracy – which they say they want to strengthen in China – does not embrace rowdy demonstrations. So it seems clear the leaders are confident in their ability to placate the students when the time is right and other, more dictatorial, elements in the bureaucracy have been given a fright.

Controversy is rife in Hong Kong and Peking about the true significance of the demonstrations.

Students to continue protests

Peking (Reuter) – Peking University students, who held two illegal demonstrations in the last two days, said yesterday that the protests were not over. However, they said they fully backed the reforms of the Communist Party leadership and socialism.

Early yesterday the Government announced that all students detained had been freed "after being educated by Public Security Bureau departments". One student said 53 students had been detained and "hit" by police and freed.

Several new illegal posters appeared yesterday in the traditional spot near the canteen. "We oppose things that block the reforms, like special privileges and bureaucratism," a student said.

One of the posters took up the same theme. "Our eyes look upwards, our eyes are sensitive, we had just one reason to arrange the demonstrations – to stimulate the reformers among the leadership," it said.

Another poster strongly attacked the official *Peking Daily* and Peking radio for what it said were false reports of the marches.

The official media returned to the offensive yesterday against the protests. The *Peking Daily* accused a "handful of anti-socialist elements" of inciting the students, while people interviewed on television's main news bulletin all said demonstrations damaged national stability and unity.

Balcony greetings from world's longest-reigning monarch

From David Watts, Tokyo

The 124th Emperor of Japan, who ascended the throne just nine months after the Queen was born, wished his subjects good health and happiness for the new year from the balcony of his palace yesterday.

Dressed in morning suit, the world's longest-reigning monarch came out to greet crowds of well-wishers five times, just days after marking the sixtieth anniversary of his reign on Christmas Day.

As he gazed over the banking district yesterday, Emperor Hirohito was looking at an area which is making Japan the third most important banking centre in the world. Just 41 years ago he toured the same area when the only building still standing amid the ashes of the American fire-bombing was the headquarters of the only foreign Shogun ever to rule Japan, General Douglas MacArthur.

His reign has seen Japan go from the early beginnings of democracy, through militarism, nuclear holocaust and poverty to emerge as a country whose wealth helps finance America's vast debt. Japan's economic power touches almost every part of the globe.

The Emperor's greeting from the palace balcony is one of the few public appearances he will make during the year. Despite the lack of contact, the Japanese maintain considerable affection for the quiet, stooped figure who is a world-class marine biologist and the epitome of things Japanese, yet never wears a kimono and has preferred bacon and eggs for breakfast since his stay at Buckingham Palace as Crown Prince in 1921.

There is an impression that, behind the rigid protocol, a far from aloof royal personality is waiting to break out.

Though he will turn 86 this year, the Emperor remains in good health. While the question of his continued rule occasionally arises, there are no provisions in Japan for abdication. Should he become unable to carry out his official duties, some of them might be taken over by the Crown Prince, but he would remain Emperor.

He is already the longest-ruling emperor in modern Japanese history. Emperor Gomizuno-o, who ruled from 1596 to 1680, remains the longest-serving of all Japan's rulers.

Emperor Hirohito: a taste for bacon and eggs.

Warning of Basque bombing campaign

Madrid – Spanish security experts gave a warning of a winter holiday season bombing campaign by Eta, the Basque armed separatist organization, after explosions yesterday in a ski resort hotel at Navacerrada, in the Guadarrama mountains north of Madrid (Richard Wigg writes).

Warning telephone calls from persons claiming to speak for Eta were received by the local fire brigade. Two explosions did material damage at the Venta Arias hotel, but no one was hurt. The experts believe similar explosive devices have already been put in place in other hotels and may go off in the next few days.

But they claimed that the new campaign, recalling last summer's rash of bombings in Spain's Mediterranean coastal resorts, which affected British holidaymakers though injuring none of them, would also "not be very grave".

On Monday, Eta exploded a bomb on the third floor of a hotel in Baqueira Beret in the Pyrenees, where security personnel stayed while guarding the Spanish royal family on their Christmas break.

Track star on drugs charge

Los Angeles (AFP) – John Carlos, one of the American medal winners who gave the black power salute at the 1968 Mexico Olympics, has been arrested for possessing cocaine after being stopped by police for a traffic offence.

After five hours' questioning, during which he said he had been given the drug by a friend, Carlos was released on bail of $2,671 (£1,907).

Pilot killed

Bangkok (Reuter) – A Thai military plane crash-landed after being hit by Cambodian anti-aircraft fire, killing the pilot and seriously injuring a crew member.

Youth protest

Helsinki (Reuter) – Thirty young people occupied cash-dispensing booths outside several banks in the Finnish capital to protest against a shortage of housing for the poor and old.

African relic

Nairobi (Reuter) – Archaeologists have discovered the ruins of a mosque dating from about AD 950 on the Kenyan coast, the oldest known trace of Islamic culture in East Africa.

Fit for pets

Oslo – Thousands of tonnes of lamb and reindeer meat contaminated by radioactive fallout from the Chernobyl disaster last year and condemned as unfit for human consumption are to be sold to pet food manufacturers.

Wrong leg

Oviedo (Reuter) – A Spanish doctor is to be sued after he misread the operating instructions and amputated the right leg of Señora Esperanza Cueva Prado, who was suffering from gangrene in her left leg.

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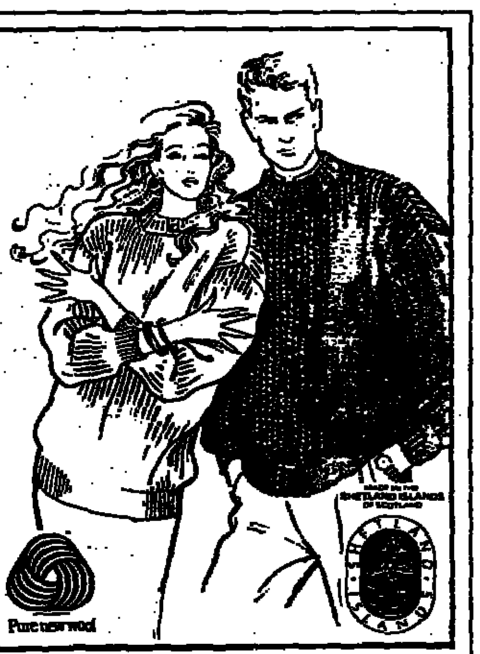
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Brazil's poet-President

Sarney's tales paint a harsh picture

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

The state of Maranhão, wedged between the arid scrublands of the Brazilian North-East and the Amazon jungle, is known here at once for its bitter misery and its postcard beauty.

Its capital, São Luiz, a city on a scenic island in the Atlantic, is known as "the cradle of poets" and the "Athens of the Amazon". Much of its back-country is punished by alternating cycles of flood and drought.

This land is the setting for a book of short stories by Maranhão's most celebrated native, Brazil's poet-President, Senhor José Sarney. *Tales of Rain and Sunlight* is one of the 19 volumes of poetry, prose, and essays produced by Senhor Sarney in a lifetime crowded by political obligations.

A collection of nine stories dating back to 1969, it has now been competently translated into English and recently published in Europe (Wyvern-Sel books, distribution by Rex Collins).

This thin volume, rich with the rough-hewn drama and lore of the author's homeland, is a fair sampling of the work that has earned Senhor Sarney membership of the Brazilian Academy of Letters.

The stories seem more like ballads, the sort sung by the minstrels – *cordelistas* – of the Brazilian North-East. The style is economical, almost spare, yet flush with the aromas and sounds of the *sertão*, or backlands, a land of "clatter, dust and animals".

This is not the polite prose of gentry manners, pencilled with nuance and veiled symbols. Rather, *Tales* is a bald and often critical portrait of the violence and machismo of his land, painted in broad strokes and brash primary colours. A leavening of humour provides an occasional counterpoint of relief, a pleasant surprise in stories rife with cruelty and conflict.

Senhor Sarney's cast of characters is taken straight from the dusty *sertão*, a place held together by seemingly ageless feudal bonds. There are land barons, "colonels" in the local argot, who are unrelentingly mean and niggardly.

At their mercy are the dispossessed, tenant farmers and squatters, servants to powerful men and harsh gods – "men who know nothing of letters or numbers or dates, who count on their fingers, by the moons or by their dead children".

These opposed characters, with occasional bandits and fair maidens, are guided equally by granite codes – of manhood, of "honour". One flinty "colonel", Cipriano, is governed by "a law that accounted for tenderness and courage, battles and death sentences". The infant son of a tenant farmer, Badu, is made to endure bites by insects in his cradle. "That's how you make a man," his father pronounces solemnly.

The tension that courses through the tales comes from the author's apparent ambiguity. Life's lot is as unjust as it is inexorable, we are told again and again, and *Tales of Rain and Sunlight* seems at once a condemnation and a surrender to the noble agony of this world.

Democracy in Uruguay

Amnesty for officers seen as only way to tame Army

From Eduardo Cué, Montevideo

The key question facing Uruguay, now that the divisive issue of amnesty is behind it, is whether the military will fully support the new democracy, since the threat of human rights trials has been removed.

This pleasant city on the River Plate is still assessing the dramatic week in December that culminated with the approval of a controversial amnesty for military officers suspected of human rights violations during the 13-year dictatorship that ended only 22 months ago.

But there are still opponents of the amnesty. An opposition senator, expelled from Congress by his colleagues, told a popular radio show that the fight must continue, while the former Tupamaro guerrillas are vowing to gather enough signatures to force a plebiscite on the issue.

However, President Sanguinetti and other leading political figures claim that they have prevented an institutional crisis that had endangered the young democracy.

"War and peace were at stake here. We had no possibility of having a democracy with a military that had been marginalized," the President said.

Most observers here believe that the senior military commanders, led by the Army Chief of Staff, General Hugo Medina, are committed to the democratic process they helped to initiate by agreeing to the transition of power to a civilian Government.

After weeks of arduous negotiations, and faced with the certainty that military officers would categorically refuse to appear before civilian courts investigating human rights cases, the opposition National Party finally agreed to support the Government's call for a full amnesty for the armed forces.

Under the leadership of Señor Wilson Ferreira Aldunate, the party had previously urged a compromise that would have permitted a limited number of trials to proceed.

"What we did was to find a judicial formula that would prevent the break-up of our institutions. We did not change our position," Señor Juan Raúl Ferreira, a senator, said.

"For two years the Uruguayan people have been led to believe that they live in a total democracy. We were the only ones who said that we were in a transition period."

The final Bill, which supporters insist is not an amnesty, establishes a complicated procedure under which the President must decide which cases are to be prosecuted.

Señor Sanguinetti: claims to have averted crisis.

Given Señor Sanguinetti's strong support for an amnesty, it appears highly unlikely that more than a few officers will be brought before the courts. About 30 cases were pending at the time of the law's approval.

Human rights groups estimate that some 160 people disappeared and about 50,000 were arrested during the military's war against the Tupamaro guerrillas.

The law also makes a start towards the integration of the armed services into society by requiring Senate approval of important military promotions, shifting the intelligence services to the civilian Ministry of Defence, and establishing congressional oversight of the one remaining military academy.

"On the surface, all of these things look rather insignificant, but they represent the military's compromise in accepting more civilian control," a Western diplomat said.

The opposition is far from convinced. "It was important for the Government and the National Party to make people believe that there was no alternative. The people never believed it, and they still don't," said Senator José Germán Araújo of the opposition Frente Amplio coalition.

Senor Araújo was expelled from the Senate for allegedly inciting a riot among the 4,000 people who gathered outside the parliament building on the night of the vote.

He denies the charges, although he admits that he frequently expresses himself with vehemence.

Pakistan's need for swift settlement

Hopes of Afghan peace at highest for three years

From Michael Hamlyn, Peshawar

Serious enthusiasm may at last be detected within Pakistan for the Afghan peace negotiations being undertaken under the auspices of the United Nations. *Not for the first time, but perhaps more strongly than on previous occasions, the expectations of a settlement of the eight-year guerrilla war against the Russian invaders are high.*

The negotiations will resume in Geneva next month between Pakistan and Afghan government ministers. They will not be face to face, but in separate rooms – at least until the present stage is virtually complete – and neither of them represents the real combatants, the Soviet invaders and the Mujahidin guerrillas.

But hopes have not been so high since Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, the Pakistan Foreign Minister, said three years ago that the negotiations were 90 per cent complete.

Many Pakistanis see the peace process as *fulfilling a need now* as well as a matter for hope. There are three main reasons driving them, reinforced by an active Soviet diplomatic impetus.

First, the Pakistanis have been disturbed by large Indian troop movements on their borders.

A visit last weekend by *the Indian* Foreign Secretary to Islamabad began the painful process of fence-mending needed since Indo-Pakistani relations turned sour a year ago. But it has not stopped opposition leaders here from claiming that the external situation is as bad as it was *in 1971* – when Pakistan was severed from its eastern province – with India and Russia ganging up against it.

Secondly, the tribal situation in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province is giving them cause for concern. The new leader of Afghanistan, Dr Muhammad Najib, *who came to power in May, is a* Pathan like Pakistan's frontier tribesmen *and has made it a policy to* reach out to them with offers of money and indulgence. He hopes thereby to have the tribes themselves close the unguardable passes across the border used by the Mujahidin guerrillas.

Thirdly, Pakistani observers claim to have detected a softening in *the Russian* attitude to the final matter to be settled in the negotiations, namely the time-frame for a Soviet withdrawal.

The communist side has claimed that a period of three years at least will be necessary before the 110,000 Soviet troops could be pulled out. The Pakistanis have said it should take only three months. Recent signals from Kabul have indicated that the Russians might be able to accept an 18-month period, which brings matters into the realm of *possibility.*

The optimists point out that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, during his November visit to Delhi, was unable to be persuaded to say anything harsh about Pakistan, much as it might have delighted his hosts. They also point to remarks by Dr Najib indicating a willingness for some form of power sharing in an interim government.

All this may be simply a diplomatic drive on the Russian part to head off embarrassment at the summit meeting of Islamic states which begins in Kuwait next Tuesday, when the delegates will consider whether or not to seat Professor *Abdul Rasoul Sayyaf,* chairman of the seven-party alliance of Mujahidin groups.

But the drive goes even further. According to informed Pakistani sources, Moscow has been promising the somewhat shaky Government of Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo that, if peace should break out, it will guarantee that no Pakistan Communist Party rises to oppose him.

The peace plan may yet fall foul, however, of an unyielding attitude on the part of the Mujahidin leaders. Mr *Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of a* Hesb-e-Islami group, summed up a commonly expressed attitude when he told me: "We will never participate in a national unity government in which the Communists are involved.

"We will never accept a conditional withdrawal of Russian troops. We will never stop our armed resistance to the presence of the Russian troops for one minute. We demand their unconditional, prompt and complete withdrawal."

Moscow behind Najib offer of talks

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

When Dr Andrei Sakharov, the dissident physicist returned from exile last week and immediately delivered his sharp public rebuke against the continued Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, it was noticeable that senior Soviet officials deliberately chose not to take issue with him.

Verbally, at least, the Soviet stance on the war that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has called a "bleeding wound" has changed dramatically since he came to power in March 1985, and even more since his Vladivostok speech in July when he announced the limited pull-out of 8,000 troops – later denounced in the West as a "cosmetic" exercise.

The latest softening in rhetoric came earlier this week when Dr Muhammad Najib, secretary of the Afghan Communist Party, announced in an interview with *Pravda* that his Government was now prepared to talk with the rebels it has been fighting so fiercely for seven years.

Dr Najib, who is also head of the Afghan secret service (Khad) and much closer to the Kremlin than his dismissed predecessor, Mr Babrak Karmal, went a step further towards possible negotiations in the interview, which was seen as having the approval of the Soviet military authorities.

"We are actively seeking a way *to national* compromise and are ready for it, including the creation of a government of national unity," he claimed. "State organs throughout the country are not only fighting the bandits, but are also arranging dialogue with them."

The Afghan leader, who is seen by Western observers as a key figure in the Kremlin moves towards a solution, said that *his main accomplishment* since coming to power in May had been strengthening the cohesion of the Communist Party. He said that in the past year 13,000 rebels had gone over to the government side.

While the West has expressed some credence for what it sees as Mr Gorbachov's determination to end the costly Afghan involvement – which *is growing* increasingly unpopular at home as casualty figures mount – it remains unimpressed by the Kremlin's refusal to set a timetable for withdrawal of less than three to four years.

It is the yawning gap between Moscow's suggested period and Pakistan's demand for a pull-out in a period of about four months which has proved the main sticking point in the United Nations negotiations, which were initiated in 1982 and are set to resume again on February 11.

The other cause of the deadlock is the creation of *machinery* to monitor the withdrawal and at the same time ensure that the Mujahidin no longer receive military assistance from the West.

In a new year briefing, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, *the chief* Kremlin spokesman, hit out strongly at what he claimed was a vicious "anti-Soviet and anti-Afghan smear campaign" mounted in the United States, Britain and other Western countries.

He went on to spell out in succinct terms the demands which Moscow continues to insist upon as necessary.

"Such a solution requires an end to armed aggression and outside interference in the internal affairs of democratic Afghanistan," Mr Gerasimov stated.

The tone of his remarks and the *assumptions* which they contained were a reminder to the West that, despite recent hints to the contrary, the negotiations being conducted by Señor Diego Cordóvez, the UN Under-Secretary-General, still have a considerable way to go.

Mr Teofisto Guingona, the chief Philippines government negotiator, *explaining why NPA ideas were turned down.*

Aquino rejects rebel demand for coalition

Manila (AP) – President Aquino's Government yesterday rejected rebel demands for a transitional coalition government, saying the proposal was "unfounded and illogical".

It also rejected demands to cancel the agreement allowing US military bases in the Philippines and to integrate the New People's Army into the country's armed forces.

The rejection of the rebel demands was contained in a letter to the National Democratic Front released at a press conference by the chief government negotiator, Mr Teofisto Guingona, after a two-hour meeting with Mrs Aquino and military leaders.

The NDF and government negotiators agreed on December 23 to exchange comments on their respective proposals by today. They intend to meet *again on* Tuesday to begin talks on "substantive issues".

"This Government got its mandate through people's power," the letter said, referring to the overthrow of former President Marcos. "This Government will continue that unfinished revolution, to recover from the depths of crisis . . .

The Government also repeated its pledge of "amnesty with honour" for any rebels who lay down their arms.

Alma-Ata shake-up gets fierce defender

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow

Izvestia, the official government newspaper, yesterday carried a strongly worded article by a Communist Party leader in Soviet Central Asia *defending the controversial appointment of Russian nationals to influential posts in the region.*

Although the article made no reference to the serious nationalistic riots two weeks ago in the Central Asian city of Alma-Ata, it was seen as a direct attempt to counter the influences which led to the unrest sparked by the Kremlin's replacement of the Kazakh party chief, Mr Dinmukhamed Kunayev, by a Russian, Mr Gennady Kolbin.

The author, Mr Timur Alimov, Communist Party leader in the Tashkent area of Uzbekistan, also reproached the Central Asian population for valuing religion and private property highly, and called for more effective measures to make its members migrate to other parts of the Soviet Union.

Mr Alimov argued that Uzbekistan had benefited greatly from the arrival of party officials and economic managers from Moscow, Leningrad, other parts of the *Russian Federation – biggest* of the 15 Soviet republics – and elsewhere in the country.

He claimed that these appointees, whom Western diplomats believe have often been deeply resented locally, had represented a vital pool of experience when it was necessary to replace large numbers of local officials promoted on the strength of their family connections or of servility to higher authorities.

"There are some people among us, not to mention the West, who are ready to represent these measures to strengthen the republic's senior *personnel* as some kind of anti-national campaign", Mr Alimov writes. "The positive changes which have occurred in Uzbekistan in recent years demonstrate the complete futility of such attempts."

His article is seen to reflect the serious long-term problem facing Soviet planners who know that the resources of Siberia and the Soviet Far East cannot be developed without large-scale *migration* from other parts of the state.

Kremlin allows a glimpse of freedom

Moscow* – As part of the Kremlin's campaign to liberalize the Soviet media, a semi-official Moscow paper has appeared this week for the first time with an objective, two-page selection of stories from *leading* Western news organizations, including *The Times, Time magazine*, the *International Herald Tribune* and Reuters news agency *(Christopher Walker writes).

The stories on a wide range of subjects appear in the first 1987 edition of the weekly *Moscow News*, which is published in a number of languages including English, Russian and French and is partly produced by the Soviet Novosti news agency.

***The appearance of the unprecedented digest,* including a story from *The Times* about joint Anglo-Soviet research into Aids, has increased speculation in diplomatic circles that restrictions on the sale of the main Western papers in Moscow and other cities may soon be relaxed.**

Until this innovation by a paper founded in 1930, and which has recently put itself in the vanguard of the new openness in the Soviet media ordered by Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, no objective selection of reports from the main Western papers or news agencies was on sale here. Stories were reproduced purely for propaganda reasons.

Apart from during prestige occasions, such as last year's 27th congress of the Communist Party, the only Western papers normally on sale in Moscow's news stands, or even the Foreign Ministry's giant foreign press centre, are those produced by Western Communist parties.

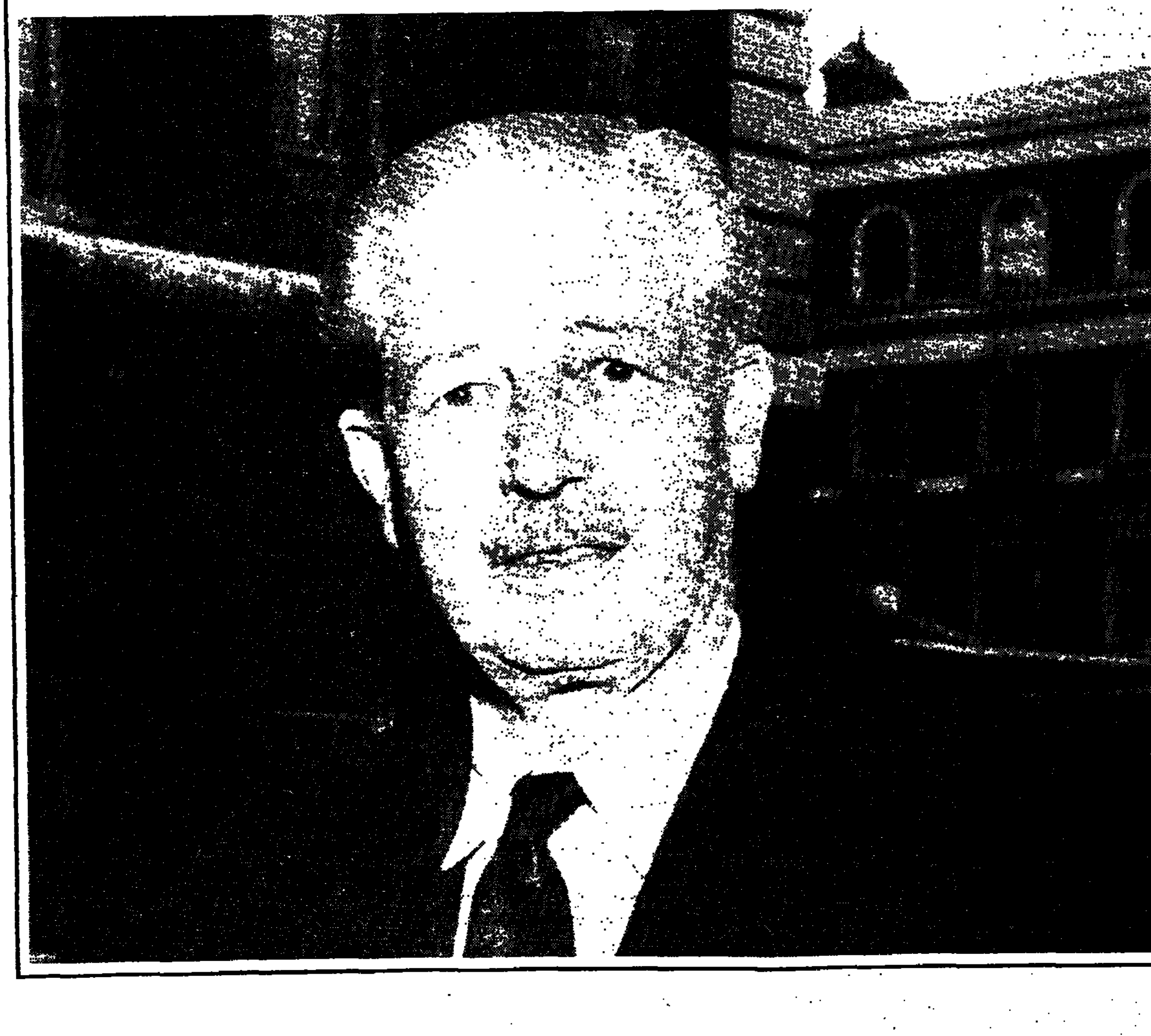
***In total, Moscow News* – which until recently was edited by Mr Gennady Gerasimov, now the Kremlin's chief press spokesman – carried five separate extracts from the home news pages of *The Times*, all of which appear to have been chosen on a random basis, mainly for human interest value.**

The selection also included two reports from the magazine *US News and World Report*, whose previous Moscow correspondent, Mr Nicholas Daniloff, was at the centre of an international incident last year when he was imprisoned by the KGB and later expelled on alleged spying charges.

'Print it when I'm gone'

In intensely private conversations during the last seven years of his life, Harold Macmillan revealed to Alistair Horne, his official biographer, his thoughts and feelings about leading figures and events he insisted should not be made public while he was still alive.

In a remarkable exclusive in this week's Sunday Times, Horne draws upon hours of talks, millions of words from diaries, and unpublished letters and documents to shed new light on the man and his life.



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Did the sand move for you, too?

As winter wraps us in cold, damp and darkness, Michael Watkins describes a long affair of the heart and soul with the Caribbean

Gerard Champlong

Down in Jamaica . . . images of sun, sand and every kind of beauty are genuine enough, but there are deeper realities, well worth uncovering, in a West Indian culture that dances to a very different cultural beat

I once asked a Martinique barman the secret of his *petit punch*, compounded, it seemed to me, from equal measures of rum and nitro-glycerine. *"Mélanger soigneusement et avec amour,"* he replied. Mix with love and care. But of course.

For a long time, if anyone asked me why I found the Caribbean so irresistible, I told them that it had all been mixed with love and care. I referred to miscegenation. By sheer genetic weight, the African slave has given the main definition to the West Indian face, but it is the mixing of bloods — Negro, Spanish, Indian, Chinese, Anglo-Saxon — which has made that face so hauntingly beautiful.

Years later, I see that this explanation, like the barman's recipe, was a little too facile, too slick. To come to grips with the Caribbean ethos, to assess its moods both benign and wilful, takes more time than we have at our disposal. It requires an age to grasp its moods and primitive messages.

Our landfall is not an archipelago of generalities — each island possesses a distinct character — but there is one island big enough topographically, broad enough in character, to stand as a model. Jamaica is my first Caribbean love; first love and other sorrows.

On an early visit I watched a man sprawled under a cassia tree outside the house I stayed in. One bare foot rested on the other knee and he used his straw hat for a pillow. He wasn't selling anything and he wasn't waiting for a bus and it irritated me that he remained so long, so uselessly. Now I know the answer: he was sitting. And when he got around to it, he'd get up and go away.

If you infer from this any sense of passivity, then I have misled you. Looking back, I realize that Jamaica did not welcome me inertly, but violently, drawing blood and scarring me for life.

Jamaica is maddening. "Soon come," they say when you ask for your breakfast/laundry/airline ticket — and it never comes at all. The telephone rings 2,000 times before anyone replies; and then it's the wrong number.

Jamaicans are so committed to unreliability that it has been elevated to an art-form. Yet a wise Jamaican told me: "If people from foreign lands want to be happy here, dem shouldn't ask 'Why don't dey?', dem should ask 'Why do dey?' "

Maddening, frustrating: yes. Passive, never. "Will you do me a rudeness?" in Jamaican talk means "Will you sleep with me?" A forward girl might answer, "You better hang on grass, man, I goin' move so much."

She will move, and the chances are that she'll get pregnant too; for, historically, slavery generated a matriarchal society. George Lamming, West Indian novelist, writes: "My mother who fathered me . . . my father who fathered only the idea of me." Go back further, to the "Maroon Wars", archetypal guerrilla campaigns, escaped slaves using jungle-covered hills to suit their tactics, causing British Redcoats to look over their shoulder.

Eastward, above Port Antonio, the Windward Maroons fought under their warrior priestess Nanny of Maroons, revered today as Right Excellent Nanny. Both are communities to this day, approachable by road; although to climb safely into the seat of the Cockpit you will need a four-wheel-drive vehicle.

There are Maroons who have walked away, chasing the money-fly — a shiny insect seldom seen unless on its way out of the window; but if it settles on your hand, *wayah-O*! Maroons have followed the money-fly to New York, to Notting Hill Gate, never fully appreciating that, despite its harmless appearance, its sting can be fatal.

Conversely, Jamaica can be deadly. If voodoo curses of the obeahman don't get you, duppies — ghosts who live in cotton trees — will. The morning Doctor's Wind or the Undertaker's Wind at dusk may give you the shakes and John Crow, the carrier vulture, may perch on your roof, flapping like a broken umbrella, waiting to pick your bones.

Back when Michael Manley was accused of being a power-crazed totalitarian, Kingston witnessed looting and killing. Tourists fled, shops emptied of everything except the stuff you could live without. Jamaica seemed jinxed, even coconut trees fell to the epidemic, contracting lethal-yellow, a disease that left them fruitless, leafless.

Under Edward Seaga's government, the holiday-makers returned; some of them. So, too, the beach-boys at Doctor's Cave, the bathing rendezvous in Montego Bay. Shops are full and will remain so at prices none but the well-heeled can afford.

Good times, bad times; they come and go. The sugar and banana industries all but went; bauxite, too. Not so terribly long ago, at the banana loading port of Oracabessa, I watched and listened in the night: "Come Mister Tallyman, tally mi banana — day da light and a want to go home." It was close to a house called Goldeneye from whose beach I once saw a giant crab, envoy of Dr No, scuttle over the coral.

Ian Fleming, who manufactured most of James Bond's questionable exploits here, has gone the way of all flesh. So, too, has the port of Oracabessa, its entrails scattered by bulldozer. Miss Vi of residence, though, Noël Coward was just along the road, at nearby Port Maria. Years of friendly rivalry between the two men stoked the legend. "Goldeneye, Nose and Throat," said Noël, complaining that Ian's cushions were stuffed with iron-filings.

Fleming retaliated by repeating the builder's reply to Coward's query about the size of pump required for his new swimming pool: "Hit depend, Mr Cowhard, how much soap you use."

Firefly Hill was the name of Noël's house, a remote eyrie where he perched bandaged in cigarette smoke. Never much addicted to the juice, he once asked me to pour him a drink: "Make it dry-ginger, dear boy — simply riddled with brandy." He left the house to Jamaica; a few months ago I paid for the conducted tour, nodding fastidiously at all the right cues. They have enclosed his headstone in a rococo trellis-work of wire, fussy as a summer bird-cage; he would have loathed it. The tour was an indulgence, a personal pilgrimage into the past, to an especially tender moment: for what I was recapturing was my last visit to Firefly Hill before The Master took his final curtain call.

Not far away is Port Antonio, where the roads still need darning; Musgrave Market still overflows with colour and argument; the tower clock of Christ Church still stands at 20 minutes past three: Mr Mackenzie, getting on now, is still verger.

Nothing has changed since Errol Flynn started the rafting craze along the Rio Grande; since the days when I stayed with his widow, Patrice, at Castle Comfort, their estate above San San. Blue Lagoon — Blue Hole as locals call it — where we swam and water-skied, is still bottomless, draining into the devil's black punchbowl.

Not many people get to Port Antonio; they've been told it rains, that there is nothing to do. Yet Port Antonio is the heart, the very guts of Jamaica. It was born of melancholy, myth and magic. It is not like Kingston town; it is not like Montego Bay. It is full of gentle sorrow which descends from a slave culture whose wounds went deep. We think, some of us, that they are the children; but we are wrong, it is we who have far to go.

Port Antonions, Jamaicans, remain the dearest souls on earth: lazy, volatile, warm, courteous, gravely dignified, the women walking like panthers. They enjoy a "Boonoonoos" way of life; which is Jamaican for "delightful", "marvellous".

I am not the only foreigner to have become ensnared by this uneasy magic. Nigel Pemberton still lives at Bamboo Pen, his estate is above Mo' Bay, the great house of which was built in 1740. Like everyone else in big houses, he keeps about 18 huge dogs; and yes, he'd like to die in Jamaica.

So would Lady Sarah Churchill, Pemberton's near neighbour. Another evening, another party, 28 sitting down to dinner, they're a sociable crowd. "Yes," she says. "I'll stay. I stayed on before in bad times." It would take a lot to budge Lady Mitchell of Prospect. Her late husband Harold, Churchillian advisor during the Second World War, bought the place in 1936. The views are unsurpassed, the gardens peerless.

It would take a revolution to shift Oliver Moxon — who once stood as a Liberal candidate and now runs Moxon's Restaurant at Ocho Rios. I don't think former model Annabel Ogden, now Mrs Peter Proudlock, owner of Harmony Hall, would scare easily. Neither would Richard Murray who, stick by stone, built Tensing Pen at Negril. Negril, where the young drink mushroom tea, smoke *ganja*, ask questions of themselves, become Rastafarians, run out of money, run out of luck and get pregnant.

We are all, in varying degree, mesmerized by the Jamaica magus whose spell is powerful. We could be in other places, but that wouldn't be the same; we testified on behalf of the Caribbean and there our case rests. We accept that the lifestyle operates at two speeds: slow and stop. We immunize ourselves against no-seeums and mompums, small aeronautical insects designed by our Heavenly Father to make us think better of mosquitoes.

As for the West Indians themselves, we may revile them, coax them, stamp and swear, but we'll never change them; and from this we learn, we the lucky few, that we no longer want to change them. For whether we like them is only half the story; it's whether they like us that we should consider, whether they can forgive us the sins of our fathers.

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A GUIDE FOR THE STRANGER IN PARADISE

Nevis: where, at Montpelier Plantation in 1787, Fanny Nisbet married her sailor Horatio Nelson, the marriage being registered at Fig Tree Church where, on Sundays, sudden hymnal gusts seem to raise the corrugated tin roof. You can drive through the capital, Charlestown, in 97 seconds, dodging the chickens and goats in Main Street. You can swim at Pinney's Beach; count Nelson memorabilia at Morningstar; marvel at parish names like St George Gingerland; savour breezes off the 3,232 ft Peak of Nevis; stay, if they'll have you, with my friends James and Celia Milnes Gaskell at Montpelier.

Anguilla: which became the mouse that roared. Remember how it declared unilateral independence and how Whitehall dispatched HMS Minerva and HMS Rothersay, the Parachute Regiment and 50 London bobbies to take on Anguilla's military might (consisting of a mixed troop of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, and one ancient Lee Enfield rifle under lock and key). They call New Year's Eve "Old Year's Eve", and once they released the sole incumbent of the jail — interned for bad language — so that he could go home to join in Christmas celebrations. The island is flat, scrubby, featureless and home to a joyfully quiet people who fish and mind their own business. A huge dearth of Holiday Inns, but there's a goodly place called The Mariners in which to put your head down.

Jamaica, a matriarchal society

Saba: an upside-down ice-cream cornet of an island, so perilous to land on that passengers applaud the pilot. I'd give him a dozen roses if they'd open a florist's shop.. Sense of vertical orientation replaces the horizontal; all movement becomes a question of ascent and descent. At the top of The Ladder, scaling upwards from the sea, is The Bottom, seat of government. Only 15 miles of road and every inhabitant is called Hassell, Johnson or Simmonds. One of these Hassells, Steve, might let you a room at Captain's Quarters. No serious crime for 60 years; not much frivolity either.

Grenada: suffered from self-inflicted wounds when Eric Gairy, whose knowledge of UFOs exceeded his grasp of administration, was Prime Minister. He's gone, along with his Mongoose Gang, equivalent to Papa Doc's Tontons Macoute. The concealed assets of political instability were that it scared off the entrepreneurs, the Las Vegas-type developers who have diminished the islands of St Martin, St Thomas and St Croix. I was there to hear the first midnight shots of the invasion: it was hard to focus on Cuban troops and bloodshed in this Gilbert and Sullivan setting. All quiet again: "What is to is, must is," as Grenadians say. So the not-too-many hotels are turning the mattresses in anticipation.

Guana: 850 acres of Eden in the British Virgin Islands. Apart from mosquitoes — the national bird — it is idyllic, rich in hibiscus, papaya and serene, transistorless peace. There is the Guana Club, a retreat where the air-conditioning works in much the same way as in my Suffolk house — you open the windows. Plumbing flushes at will. So relaxing that you could fall asleep standing up: indeed, many visitors do.

St Eustatius: from the air looks like a brassière, the cups supporting the twin volcanic peaks of The Quill and The Hill. When, in 1781, Admiral Rodney bombarded the capital, Oranjestad, he missed the Gin House, now restored to take guests. Americans warned me: "Statia is the pits." It's not. It's lovely, full of donkeys and black people who look mightily pleased that there's not enough work to go around. Where laziness is concerned, they're perfectionists.

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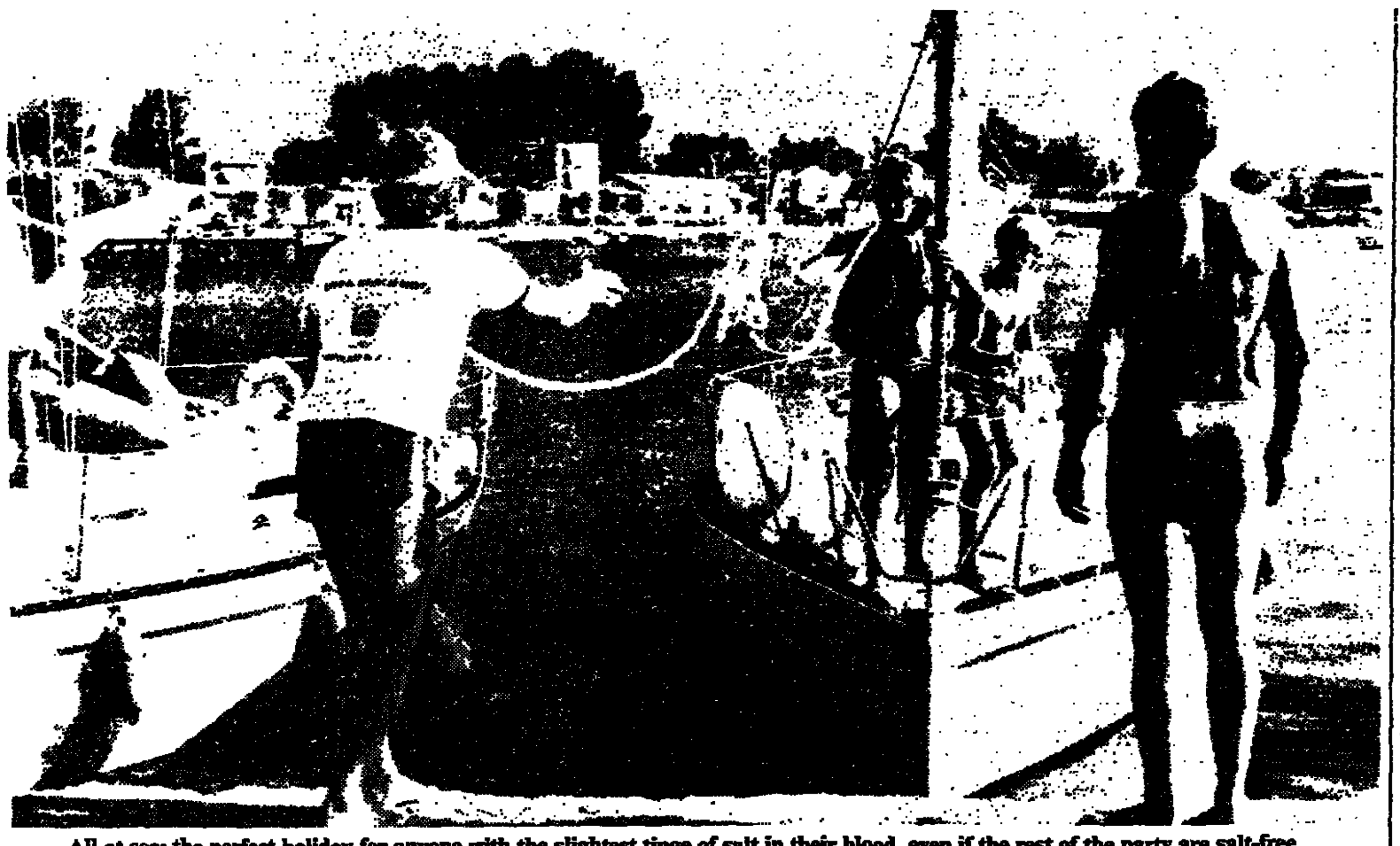
TRAVEL

Messing about in Greek boats

Friends thought **Libby Purves** mad to take her husband, two toddlers and a landlubber nanny on a flotilla sailing holiday in the Greek islands, which sounded more swinging singles than family fun – and the inauspicious start suggested that they might be right . . .



All at sea: the perfect holiday for anyone with the slightest tinge of salt in their blood, even if the rest of the party are salt-free

In a hot, dusty town square on Paxos, we were listening wearily to a bearded boy in shorts running through a long list of warnings and interdictions. "Don't tow your dinghy for more than two miles . . . don't get suntan oil on the sails . . . I want to see every crew practise reefing-drill . . . don't smoke cigarettes while wind-surfing because it might burn a hole in the sail . . ."

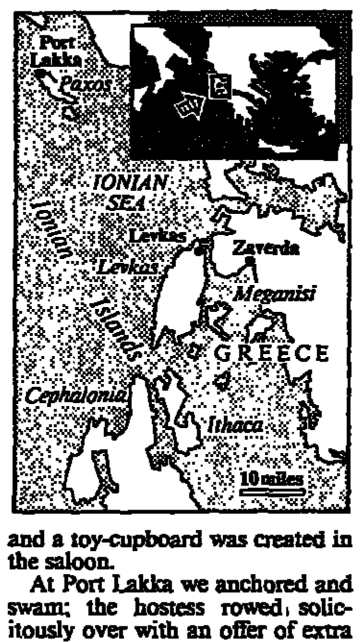
We wondered, fearfully, whether we had been right to attempt a flotilla holiday. Had we rashly enrolled in some sort of floating boarding-school? And who were these people who went in for wind-surfing with a fag dangling from the corner of their mouths? Trendy Mediterranean swingers, no doubt, hardly fit company for a pair of pale and weary parents, encumbered with two toddlers and a non-sailing nanny (all now trudging round the square looking for recognizable food and shrimping nets).

The blond skipper ceased his lecture, and an equally blonde hostess began to outline the arrangements for various parties ashore. "Line up for the knobbly knees competition" hissed my husband, rebelliously. And the children returned, still fretful after yesterday's long journey and a restless night in their hot, unaccustomed bunks. We both love sailing, and have cruised for a decade; yet for a moment or two, we actually quailed at the idea of the coming fortnight.

We were gloriously wrong. Flotilla sailing among the Greek islands is simply the perfect holiday for anyone with the slightest tinge of salt in their blood, even if accompanied by entirely salt-free relatives.

It seems a shame that not more families have found this out. I suppose that traditionally, travel editors and television programmes have sent out so many glamorous and giggling dumbos to report on these holidays ("Wow, I wasn't sure which were the sheets and which were the scuppers!") that the image of flotillas has become fixed rather too close to that of the Club Med: bright young things glamming it up on yacht decks like a browner version of *Howards Way*.

Our friends, before we went, thought us mad to embark on a fortnight in strange waters with a three-year-old and a totally untravelled baby of 22 months. We replied rather desperately that it was the only way to combine sailing and exploring – for us – with warm beaches for them, and not too much strain for anyone. And by picking the easiest cruise (the Ionian Islands) with one of the most reputable companies (YCA), we hoped to buy ease and safety: clement weather, no tide to speak of, no fog, and the security of a knowledgeable, Greek-speaking mother-yacht hovering within radio call to assist with emergencies. In return for this, we were prepared to put up with the odd lecture on how to suck eggs.



The egg-sucking, however, was confined entirely to the first day. Solemnly, we sailed in company northward to Port Lakka, listening out to the radio for orders; the blueness of the sea and the shine of the mountains slowly began to relax us. It was a nice boat, a solid Sadler 32-footer, well-equipped and extremely clean. The children staked out their territory, and a toy-cupboard was created in the saloon.

At Port Lakka we anchored and swam; the hostess rowed solicitously over with an offer of extra fresh water to cope with the babies. We had misjudged the crew of the lead boat, the Merlin: they turned out to be far more anxious to give help than orders, and the next morning, a skippers' briefing established the very welcome principle of "semi-independent" sailing. That is, leave when you like, go which way you like, as long as you meet up at the next scheduled harbour before 6pm. Indeed, except for one day which involved a 30-mile passage southward through the Levkas canal, all our sailing was partly or wholly independent.

So we could settle the children into an amiable routine: morning on the beach, lunch in a taverna, then a 10 or 15-mile sail on the afternoon breeze while they slept.

On five nights we were allowed to choose our own destination, and often anchored alone in tiny village harbours or unfrequented beaches; and as a result of all this liberty, we were actually delighted to encounter the rest of the fleet at the rendezvous points. I particularly cherish the memory of the barbecue where baby Rose was taught to do handstands by "the big girls" off another boat.

Not one of the other boats was filled with swinging singles. There was one man, a novice to sailing, who had brought a reluctant wife and daughters; by the end of the fortnight they were leaping around like an Admiral's Cup crew, and nearly won the last-day race. There were several sets of Standard British Yachtsmen (white hair, pink cotton trousers, red faces) who actually owned their own boats back in England but were, a little guiltily, soaking up the sun and enjoying having someone else to unblock the loo.

There was nobody else with children quite as young as ours, but other families said they wished they'd thought of it, back in nursery days. Baby routines developed pleasantly on board the little boat; every evening we would hose the salt and sand off the children with a Portashower, put them into T-shirts and nappies, and bribe them into their bunks with a *Postman Pat* cassette. We will always associate the words "It was a foggy day in Greendale . . ." with island evenings: with sunset on Ulysses' beloved Ithaca, with creepy Port Leone, its long-deserted houses open to the stars, and with the sight and songs of the light-fishermen of Meganisi.

And, young as they were, the children will remember some of it too: on the last evening, drunk with his social success in the scruffy little taverna at Zaverda, my son stood up on the harbour wall and spread his arms to the mountains. "Goodbye Greece," he said. "We'll come back one day. We love you."

TRAVEL NOTES

Libby Purves went on the YCA Ionian Island Cruise, flying British Airtours Gatwick-Preveza and sailing from Paxos to Zaverda. From £398 per person in October to £666 in August for 2 week charter flight, use of boat (including gas, diesel, basic starter pack of food for first breakfast). Yacht Cruising Association, Old Stone House, Judges Terrace, East Grinstead, Sussex (0342 311366).

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Travellers planning trips by rail in France this weekend are likely to face continuing severe delays as a result of the industrial dispute.

Coaches have replaced the trains between Paris and the Channel ports of Calais and Boulogne, and only about half the normal high-speed TGV services are operating. French Railways has arranged coach connections from Lyon and Annecy to ski resorts in the Alps.

The specialist tour operator Paris Travel Service is giving customers who have booked rail trips the option of cancelling without penalty or switching to air travel on the payment of a supplement. Thomson Holidays is also offering free cancellation or re-routing.

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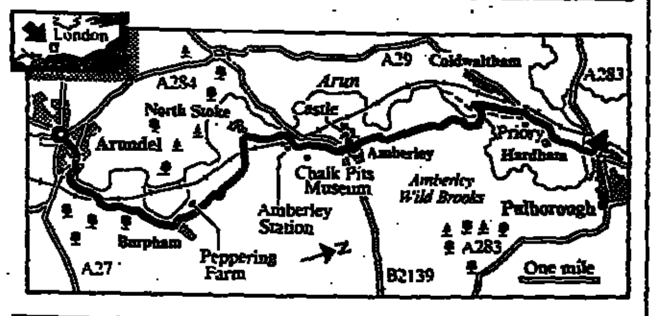

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Salad days of winter

Add a warm dressing or robust flavouring to make scarce leaves more appealing, says Shona Crawford Poole

Dana Leadbeater

Winter salad stuffs can be tougher customers than high summer leaves and need extra panache to appeal. Robust dressings flavoured with anchovy, bacon, garlic or toasted seeds do the work of dainty herbs. Warm dressings, cooked vegetables, and interestingly flavoured oils ensure the popularity of salads when supplies of their raw materials can be unpredictably limited.

Winter crudités
Serves six

2 spears of chicory
2 bulbs florence fennel
1 cucumber
6 sticks celery
6 carrots
For the sesame dressing
110g (4 oz) cooked chick peas
2 tablespoons sesame paste (tahina)
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 clove garlic, crushed
120 ml (4 fl oz) olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon boiling water
For the mustard vinaigrette
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons wine vinegar
120 ml (4 fl oz) olive oil

A well-chosen mixture of raw vegetables served with a choice of dressings is as welcome in winter as in summer. A smooth blue cheese dressing or a garlic-laden mayonnaise would be alternatives to the creamy hummus given here.

Trim the base of the chicory spears and fennel bulbs and quarter both lengthwise. Cut the cucumber in lengths roughly matching the chicory. Peel and quarter the pieces, and cut away the central seed core. Cut the celery into matching lengths. Scrape the carrots, top and tail them, quarter or halve them lengthwise depending on their thickness.

Store the vegetables in the refrigerator in airtight bags or boxes until they are needed.

Use a processor or pestle and mortar to make the hummus dressing. Blend the chick peas, sesame paste, lemon juice and garlic to a smooth paste. Gradually work in enough oil to make a creamy dressing which will drop from a spoon, season it to taste and beat in the boiling water.

To make the vinaigrette, combine the mustard, salt, pepper and vinegar before adding the oil. To serve, arrange the vegetables attractively on a large platter and hand round the dressing separately.

New potatoes seem to be available all year round now and can be used in a selection of warm winter salads.

Warm potato salad
Serves four

450g (1 lb) new potatoes
4 rashers streaky bacon
2 tablespoons tasteless vegetable oil
1 hard-boiled egg
2 tablespoons wine vinegar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

Scrape the potatoes or leave them in their skins and boil them until tender. Drain and slice the potatoes and arrange them on a serving dish. Fry the bacon in the vegetable oil until it is crisp, then lift it out of the pan and chop it finely. Chop the hard-boiled egg.

Stir the vinegar into the pan residue and boil it for a moment before combining the liquid with the chopped bacon and egg. Stir in the parsley and season to taste. Pour over the potatoes and serve soon.

Sweet peppers with anchovy dressing
Serves two

2 ripe sweet peppers, one red and one yellow
4 anchovy fillets
2 tablespoons light olive oil
1 teaspoon lemon juice
Freshly ground black pepper

The flavour of sweet peppers is much improved by roasting, as is their digestibility. They can be grilled, or toasted over a gas ring. In either case, the outside of the whole peppers should be well charred. Put the roasted peppers, while they are still hot, into a plastic bag for half an hour and they are even easier to peel. Scrape off the skins, discard the seeds, and cut the flesh into wide strips. Mash the anchovy fillets to a paste in a pestle and mortar, then gradually work in the oil, lemon juice and plenty of freshly ground black pepper. Spoon this dressing over the peppers and leave them to marinate for an hour or two. Serve at room temperature.

EATING OUT

Legend in his own lunchtime

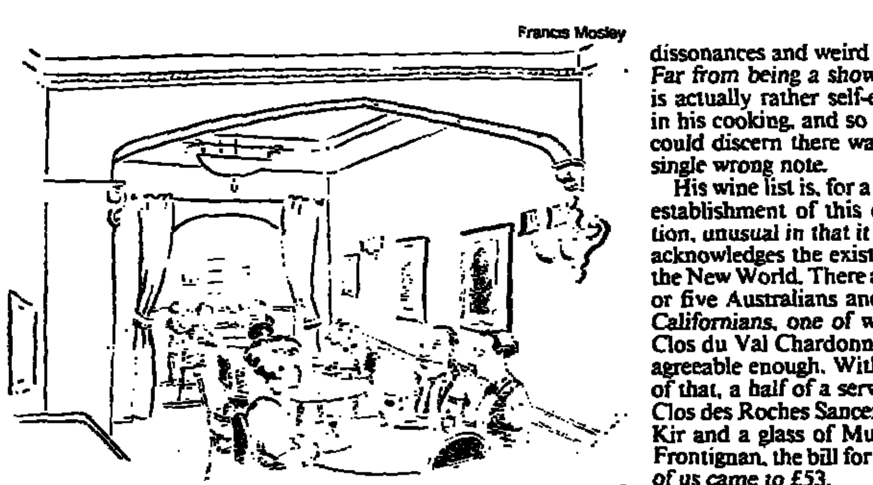
The fates of Nico Ladenis's present venture and of his last one potently illustrate the gulf that exists between the gastronomic culture of London and that of even the most affluent part of the provinces. Chez Nico at Shinfield near Reading declined to serve the regional dishes of the Thames Valley – avocado, avocado with prawns, prawn cocktail, something in the basket – and paid the price: it was rarely full, the owner's failure to compromise regarded as arrogance.

The contrast with Simply Nico could not be greater. Within a week of his opening this place in the hinterland of Westminster Cathedral it had become more or less impossible to get a lunchtime table without a few days' notice. I had just bagged the last parking space in nearby Vincent Square when a man with a Porsche 924 drove past, looking troubled; a few minutes later, having walked to Nico's, I saw him again. His anticipatory excitement had got the better of him and he had parked right outside on the double yellow lines, with the bonnet open in order to gull passing meter-maids.

The ruse worked, and his excitement was, of course, quite justified. I doubt that, 51 weeks hence when the gongs are dished out for the year's restaurants, anyone will have pride of place over Simply Nico: it has begun in overdrive and there's nothing about Ladenis's past performance to suggest that things will let up one little bit.

This is the London restaurant by which all others will come to be judged. It sets new standards of sumptuousness, culinary brilliance, comfort and congeniality. And, at lunchtime, it costs about a third less than other top flight places with set lunches – there are no supplements, VAT and service are included, and two can comfortably spend less than £50. Ladenis is the first major restaurateur in London to have woken up to the fact that prices were getting out of hand, and in rectifying that he has given this city somewhere to match the best of Paris.

The set menu at £16.50 is genuinely that. There is no funny business with dishes being "off" with a consequent invitation to order from the carte; indeed, when I went there was no carte. Nor is there any funny business with dishes that merely make do; Ladenis has evidently resolved to perform to the limit at all times. And the title of his new establishment is, I think, an earnest of his intentions. The cooking eschews novelty, and the dishes are hugely portioned – this is, if you like, the *ne plus ultra* of classy canteens.


Francis Mosley

What the title omits is any mention of Mme Ladenis or Mlle Ladenis, the very soignée mother and daughter team that oversees the front of house with some élan. The place looks smooth and runs like clockwork: there's a charming sommelier, even the youngest waiters are bereft of gaucherie and the customers all look contentedly cossetted. The décor is discreet, quietly expensive, mutely pastel. There are repro-Georgian chairs in light wood heightened with "antique white". The walls are hung with pen and wash drawings of Paris between the wars.

The meal included: a salad of maché, batavia, diced tomato, foie gras on pieces of brioche shaped like sections of a model tin loaf, pine nuts, walnut oil, and a number of contrasting herbs which revealed themselves as a series of surprises: warm smoked salmon with a butter chive sauce based, I believe, on a fish reduction; two legs of duck confit with a sticky wine sauce so pungently perfumed that the apt word is "curried"; veal stuffed with pistachios and pine nuts; a selection of cheeses of such lavishness that one's initial suspicion is that a mistake has been made – but no, you are invited to eat what is easily enough for four people; a chocolate mousse in a light biscuit cup surrounded by orange juice.

Now what was remarkable about this was not the names of the dishes or their self-conscious experimentalism. What was remarkable, truly noteworthy, was that everything was dead right, spot on. Ladenis's experiments are to the end of doing the everyday better than anyone else; they have nothing to do with flashy dissonances and weird effects. Far from being a show-off he is actually rather self-effacing in his cooking, and so far as I could discern there was not a single wrong note.

His wine list is, for a French establishment of this distinction, unusual in that it at least acknowledges the existence of the New World. There are four or five Australians and a few Californians, one of which, a Clos du Val Chardonnay, was agreeable enough. With a half of that, a half of a serviceable Clos des Roches Sancerre, one Kir and a glass of Muscat de Frontignan, the bill for the two of us came to £53.

The attention to detail is zealous – appetizers, friandises, coffee, mangetouts dressed in sesame oil: *al dente* root veg, creamy and firm gratin potatoes, baked noodles as an accompaniment to the veal (a French practice, this, and one the Italians frown on): all these betrayed total care, nothing left to chance.

Jonathan Meades

Simply Nico, 48a Rochester Row, London SW1 (01-630 8061). Open Mon to Fri, 12.30-2pm and 7-11pm.

DRINK

Bargains in the wine bin

Bargain time is here again for lovers of wine.

City wine merchants Corney & Barrow, who supply the Queen, Queen Mother and Prince of Wales, have just sent out their bumper bin-end list that offers, among other wines, a star-studded selection of more than 160 discounted clarets. Some are pricey – the '64 Pétrus is £172 a bottle – but few claret lovers would quibble at a bin-end list including no fewer than four '61s, plus 25 '82s. The 1982 Cos d'Estournel was one of the greatest wines from the superb 1982 vintage and Corney, somewhat amazingly, have four cases available for around £28 a bottle.

There are also lots of red and white burgundies from famous names on offer. Vintage port, too, looks tempting: choose from Warre '63 at £37 a bottle to Croft's '78 Quinta da Roeda, bottled specially for Corney's bicentenary in 1980 and priced at just £10 a bottle. Contact Corney & Barrow at 12 Helmet Row, London EC1 (01-251 4051) for this bin-end list offer (complete cases only) that closes on January 30.

Eric Beaumont

Laytons Wine Vaults, 19 Midland Road, London NW1 are holding a £100,000 bin-end sale that started yesterday, continues today (10am-4pm) and tomorrow (10am-2pm).

Wines such as the '84 Pouilly Fumé, Le Champs de la Croix, the '82 Bourgogne Blanc from Virely-Rougeot and the *cru bourgeois* claret '75 Château Castera are all priced at a ridiculously low £2 a bottle as loss leaders.

January is also a month when wine merchants often introduce the odd new wine to their customers. One of 1987's most exciting finds is the stunning, delightfully named and attractively labelled Cloudy Bay 1986 Sauvignon Blanc from the renowned Marlborough region of New Zealand.

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I matched it with smoked salmon, one of the most difficult dishes to find a vinous partner for, and it coped with ease. Every eclectic palate must taste at least one bottle of this. (Adnams, The Crown, Sole Bay Brewery, Southwold, Suffolk, £6.61.)

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Gloria in extremis

With *Harty's Christmas Party*, I thought I had seen the worst programme made in recent times. I was wrong. At least most of Harty's guests failed to turn up, which is more than can be said for *The Newlywed Game* (LWT), a new series in which recently married couples are quizzed "to find out how well they know each other".

Quite why Gloria Hunniford has stooped to presenting this grotesque and desperate show, quite what LWT thinks it is in making it, and quite how people can publicly rattle the skeletons in a cupboard they have only just built are questions to which there exist no civilised answers at present.

Sitting on a set that well-matched her stiff silvery hair, Gloria Hunniford first asked the three men which sea-creature they most resembled when courting: a jellyfish, a shark, an octopus or a tiddler. On his plastic board, Mark from Sussex, wrote Shark ("for the speed", he guffawed).

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John, a taxi-driver, wrote "*Octo*" (*it was not a good idea* for the guests to flaunt their learning like this, especially later, when words like "confetti" came up for spelling).

"That tells us an awful lot *about John, by the way*", replied Hunniford, at her most enigmatic. Chris, whose best man put cornflakes in his wedding bed and Kling-film on the loo, wrote "Jelly". Then the wives came on, gave their *version and* were clapped *if* the two matched.

Other choice questions concerned the oddest thing to happen on the wedding night and the length of a film made out of their love-scenes in an average week. *Chris's epic* would have lasted 14 minutes, Liz's 14 hours. Having to watch these putative little masterpieces was about all we were spared in this prurient, unfunny, Brian Wesley production.

Gloria Hunniford would have been much more at home as one of *The Golden Girls* (Channel 4), the sharpest sitcom we have at the moment and an affectionately bitchy portrait of life after marriage. To these three single women in the *autumn of their middle-age* all men are creatures best left in the sea — not that this prevents them from the occasional bit of snorkelling.

Arena (BBC2) presented a concert recorded by Bob Dylan in Australia. Just as one was thinking he looked like a carrot which had survived the Magi-Mix, he became an eagle in the dew. Just as one thought his voice was sawdust, it turned to linseed. So, with a drop of sweat on his hook nose and a guitar like a golden ladle *on his thigh, did* he *again* remind us of his hoarse genius. It did not really matter that an average sound recording made the lyrics even fuzzier than his hair.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Wanted: an audience

Somewhere, in the wilds of pop, there dwells a lost generation. Aged from 25 to 45, their musical tastes both too commercial and not commercial enough to be satisfied by the musicians of today, they yearn for the return of "art" rock — at least, the organisers of a festival starting in London on Monday hope they do

Raiders of the lost art: guitarist Robert Fripp (left), drummer Bill Bruford (top right) and composer Michael Nyman

It is a bold ambition which seeks to combine in a five-day festival the studious guitarist Robert Fripp with sundry guitar pupils; a black American busker — Laraaji — playing auto-harp, and the film musician Michael Nyman, *composer of the recent opera The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat.* These are ungenerous times for musicians poking around in the nooks and crannies of what is still, broadly speaking, popular music.

But somewhere out there, the argument goes, is a lost generation of concertgoers, aged between 25 and 45, and possibly graduates of early 1970s art rock, who are dying for something rather more brainy than the Radio 1 playlist. That, at least, is the hopeful premise of the music company EG, whose staging of "South Bank Editions" at the Queen Elizabeth Hall starts on Monday with Bill Bruford's Earthworks and climaxes with the young and marvellously eclectic Man Jumping on Friday.

Bryan Ferry is managed by EG from its trendy base in the Kings Road. But Roxy Music's rich back-catalogue co-exists with a minor record label, Editions EG, whose dedication to experimental music, centring on the textural, "ambient" works of Brian Eno, is considered either brave or pretentious in the era *of Bruce Springsteen boxed sets.*

In fact, it is surprisingly successful in its own terms. While the recording costs of any LP never exceed £15,000, the likes of Penguin Café Orchestra (who appear on Wednesday) can sell 100,000 copies world-wide.

These statistics are vouchsafed by EG's appropriately unlikely managing director, a *34-year-old* Harrovian and former Guards captain with an advertising background. Nick Stewart arrived last summer from Island Records after signing its most commercial rock band, U2. Stewart set about raising the public profile of a record label sometimes dismissed, he admits, as a "folly". One solution — *to concentrate on advertising in the Listener*, *Spectator* and *New Statesman* — resulted in the curious full-page spectacle of Faber's chairman, Matthew Evans, contemplating with knitted brow Harold Budd's LP *Lovely Thunder*. Evans certainly did not resemble the "*muesli-eating,* sandal-wearing, *Guardian*-reading" stereotype Stewart is resisting.

The South Bank festival is designed as a platform for those recording artists he characterizes as too uncommercial for daytime radio and not uncommercial enough for the evening schedules of Radio 1. Stewart sternly admonishes John Peel, Radio 1's evergreen guru, for paying insufficient attention.

"Peel's segment has now become a ghetto for young bands who have virtually no musical talent at all," he says. "He's desperate to retain his *credibility* among the youth, to remain Uncle John, the credible godfather-figure to the post-punk audience, and he's simply ignoring other areas. And no one else there is remotely interested."

It was neglect and disillusionment which in 1977 compelled the erstwhile leader of King Crimson, Robert *Fripp, to go and work in America,* though at 40 he has returned to his native Dorset since marrying the pop star and actress Toyah Willcox last May. Lately, he has taught guitar in West Virginia as a trustee of a small education foundation, and will be *playing with 14 of his students* — as the League of Crafty Guitarists — on Thursday.

"There's something infinitely more rewarding about struggling with a young guitar player than a professional musician doing two lines of *coke and half a bottle of whisky,"* he drily explains. "How miserable it is to acknowledge that hard drugs are the common currency of one's profession."

A droll man with a mystic bent, Fripp says he will be demonstrating a revolutionary new system of tuning which "flew by" while he was "lying sweating" in a New York *sauna. That many of his* students are "utterly incompetent" does not bother him. "If you can only play one note, play it — or not," he replies serenely.

Who is his star pupil? "Probably me." Then why turn a guitar class *into a public display? "There comes a* time when a musician can't go further in learning unless he has an audience present."

Who this audience will be is a matter for conjecture. *No Pussyfooting*, Fripp's pioneering collaboration *with Eno in 1973*, has been translated, unhappily, into the bland American trend of New Age Music: intrusive yuppie tunes which usually consist of a simple theme repeated electronically in a minor key. Neither Fripp nor Eno is keen to be associated with *the genre, though* the latter concedes it has helped market his music. "Unfortunately, the valuable concept behind it has been confused by the actual product."

Eno's most appreciative audience has always been other musicians. "I *often* think they're the only people who buy my records," he admits.

That commitment, and his resolve since 1976 to cease performing, explain his limited participation in South Bank Editions. He and the painter Russell Mills have designed visual accompaniment to the performances on Tuesday by musicians who include his brother Roger, Harold Budd and the intriguing Laraaji, whom he discovered busking in New York's Washington Square. "He used to be a comedian, and it shows through, not in his music, but his personality. He casts a spell around him," Eno promises.

Michael Watts

● The Fires of London, outstanding for two decades among the world's contemporary music groups, are to give their last concert as a regular ensemble in the Queen Elizabeth Hall on *January 20*. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, the Fires' artistic director, now has too many commitments to write or inspire the new works which have been the group's main *raison d'être.*

Long day's journey into Simon

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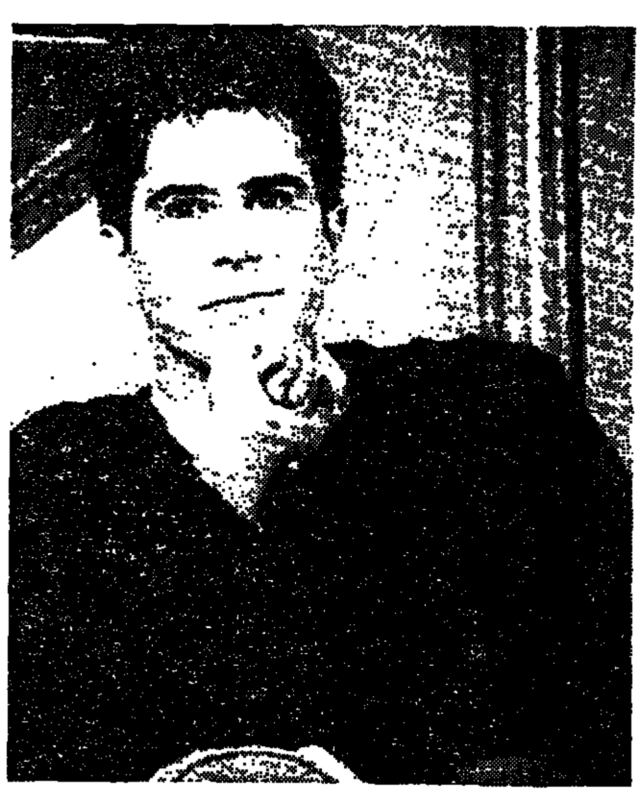

Observer: Jonathan Silverman as Eugene in *Broadway Bound*

"There's this part of me that's a nice, likeable kid, and there's this part of me that writes. He's an angry, hostile son of a bitch," says Eugene, Neil Simon's alter ego, in *Broadway Bound.* In the final play of his autobiographical trilogy, *Simon not only crowns the* reconciliation of comic spirit and personal demons which distinguished *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Biloxi Blues*, but achieves his own *Long Day's Journey into Night.*

The scene is the same Brooklyn house, conservatively spruced up in David Mitchell's set, as in the first play. It is about 10 years later, in the late 1940s, and three generations are wrestling with *themselves and each other.*

Eugene and his older brother Stanley are struggling to break away from their humdrum jobs and into professional comedy-writing, their parents are moving irrevocably apart, and their grandfather has deserted his wife to move in, replacing Aunt Blanche of *Brighton Beach*, who is now a svelte and comfortably remarried grandmother.

Unlike O'Neill's in *Long Day's Journey*, Simon's characters do not quaff the physical and spiritual dregs of existence. But suffering is relative. To a person in pain, their wounds throb whether someone else has worse or not. When Blanche challenges the Trotskyite grandfather — "Is it my mink coat that keeps you from hugging me? Is that your politics?" — or the father tells his wife "Learning about yourself is very dangerous; I learnt things *I* never should have known", or the mother comments "Too much happiness, I get scared", we are trading on nerve-endings.

Simon's James Tyrone is the domineering mother, Kate. To the teenage Eugene she was a fearsome irritant; from the maturing young man she wins a medal for valour. Kate is the most masterful *portrait Neil Simon has ever* drawn. An order-barking drill sergeant, she refuses to be a victim, seeing steadily the dark side of things but polishing furniture anyway as if that would alter the light. A scene in which Eugene coaxes her into recounting the night she danced with George Raft is as heart-rending as any of James or Mary Tyrone's recollections of their moments of splendour.

Eugene is still much the same bright, earnest youth seen through the rose-coloured glasses of the first play. The change in him, introduced in *Biloxi Blues*, is the ruthless streak of the artist who observes even more than he participates in life. By the time he is Broadway-bound, *Eugene is immersed in* balancing artist and man: "Most people settle for life without intimacy. I was determined not to be most people."

The only puzzling character is Stanley, who turns up roly-poly and driven sometimes near the edge of hysteria. We do not learn what happened to change the intense but lovable older brother of the first play into this less attractive and sympathetic character, though I would gladly have stayed beyond the almost three-hours running time of the play to find out.

Over all hovers the Simon comic muse. Eugene observes: "There's so much material in this house, maybe I don't have to become a writer. If I could just get people to pay for seats in the living-room." *Broadway Bound* is not a play full of jokes and big laughs, but a benevolent spirit reigns, yielding an acceptance of and compassion for humanity as singular as O'Neill's tragic perspective. With Linda *Lavin a seismograph of the* soul as Kate and Jonathan Silverman a shining Eugene, the actors and Gene Saks's staging close in on perfection.

Holly Hill

Moll Flanders

Playhouse, Derby

THEATRE IN BRITAIN

The timber climbing-frame across the centre of the Studio stage is hung with washing pegged to lines strung between gibbets. Cornish shirts and nether garments curtain off the cavities within the scaffolding that are drapers' shops, places of quality and low resort, even washing yards.

The gibbets stay unused but never let you forget that in Defoe's England the poor could be sentenced to death for stealing a handkerchief.

In Claire Grove's nimble production the empty clothes can also be taken as a metaphor for the roles the characters have to assume in the life-and-death struggle to attach themselves to a fortune within a marriage.

Not one of the cast is ever *seen fully dressed;* Owen John O'Mahony and Ian Roberts wear underclothes and varied dyed mops for wigs. The three actresses who in turn play the gutsy, much-married heroine remain in their bodices throughout, and the uncovered panniers bobbing at their sides make them look like milkmaids caught on their way to the cow.

If all this sounds like fanciful interpretation, the role-playing is all there in the novel, a work far richer than its popular repute as a tale of high jinks in low places. As Moll keeps insisting, only her poverty obliges her to steal. The alternative is starvation.

The prolific Vince Foxall, author also of Stratford East's *Pinocchio*, extracts good meat from the book, adding a few names and a quote from Mae West, making some of the women colder but fleshing out, if that is the word, the open-hearted joy in sexual desire that gives the production, like the novel, such zest.

Jacqueline de Peza, Liz Stooke and Diane Adderley contribute their individual styles of flirtation and grit, and the elevation of Moll towards the *status of All Womankind* is assisted by the "Mack the Knife" echo of one of Andrew Dodge's songs.

The character is large enough to hold the responsibility, and if the hasty *ending could be unscrambled* the evening would be even more enjoyable than it is already.

Jeremy Kingston

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Tax attacks

PUBLISHING

In 1985 the British book world, faced with the *imminent imposition of VAT on* books, mounted a major defence. Led by Lady David and Viscount Macmillan it organized authors' public meetings, the *lobbying of Ministers* and senior civil servants and *the delivery of nearly a million* signatures to 10 Downing Street protesting this attack on knowledge and culture.

What is more, it was successful. *When Budget Day* arrived, Nigel Lawson announced that there would be no VAT on books during the life of this Parliament. Furthermore, he added, he had never had any intention of putting *it on in the first* place. The book world sat back and purred.

The triumph, however, has proved short-lived. No sooner was that threat to knowledge removed than another has appeared on the *horizon. The* new attack is coming from the EEC. The enemy troops this time are led by Lord Cockfield in his capacity as EEC *Commissioner for Finance.* A one-time Commissioner of the Inland Revenue, he was the man who devised the system and operation of VAT in this country.

Books, though, are zero-rated, which means that we do not pay VAT on them, while booksellers can recover their input taxes. At present there are three countries which zero-rate books for VAT purposes: Britain, Portugal and Eire. Spain's publishers and booksellers fought for a zero-rate too, but only succeeded in keeping it down to 6 per cent. Germany and France charge 7 per cent on books, though France typically levies a charge of five times that sum on pornography.

Meanwhile, Lord Cockfield and his troops are determined on EEC economic harmony, *which will* have absolutely everything bearing VAT. By March he intends to set in train a directive that all EEC countries must have two (or possibly three) rates — low, standard and luxury — and that books will not escape this time.

Having mounted a successful campaign here the book world is ready to take on the EEC. *The trouble, though,* is that it badly needs allies — above all, West Germany and France. The latter, however, is far more worried at the moment about keeping the net book prices that it secured when President Mitterand came to power and has managed to keep despite Chirac's arrival. Germany, meanwhile, says it is used to a tax on books and has *little* interest *in* a major struggle.

Anyway, does it matter who wins? Surely books go up by 5 per cent and 10 per cent every time printing and paper costs go up, without harming *knowledge* or culture? *But it is* not as simple as that. The very idea of a tax on knowledge and reading *will* discourage people from buying books.

It is not long since Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for *Education and Science*, was bemoaning the decline in reading and stressing the need to reverse the trend if children were not to suffer. Lord Cockfield and his unmerry men need to listen to those *arguments* rather than to the ringing of their fiscal bells. Apart from anything else he already has the European Federations of Publishers and Booksellers Associations at his heels.

X. Libris

A little marvel in Assisi

Friends in art: Bernard Berenson (left), with Frederick Mason Perkins, whose collection of Umbrian and Tuscan masterpieces now has a permanent Italian home

Most people visit Assisi because of Saint Francis; almost as many because of the paintings of Giotto and of the Italian Trecento; a few, even, who suspect that Giotto never went near Assisi with a paintbrush, go instead for the works of the "Master of the Saint Francis Legend".

Now there is a further reason — a beautiful and important private collection, opened to the public for the first time in the autumn, is to *be seen on display in* a large room which forms part of the basilica complex.

The collection was made by Frederick Mason Perkins, the son of a doctor at the American Consulate in Shanghai. Perkins first went to Italy in his 30s, at the beginning of this century. His studies brought him into contact with the greatest connoisseurs and art historians of the age, and he later became a close friend of Bernard Berenson.

By the time he died in 1955, Perkins had amassed in his two Italian houses a substantial collection of early paintings, notwithstanding the fact that almost a third were stolen from his home near Florence during the retreat of 1944. Today only 57 of the original 140 pieces are on show in Assisi (largely works from the 14th and 15th centuries) but they comprise an exhibition of *astonishingly* high quality.

It includes a rare and exquisite *St Sebastian* by the Umbrian painter L'Ortolano, a *Madonna and Child* by Pietro Lorenzetti of considerable importance together *with four other Lorenzetti* pieces and a *Madonna of Humility with Angels* by Lorenzo Monaco of unsurpassed grace.

As a collection of principally Umbrian and Tuscan painting it has not many equals. Beato Angelico, Sano di Pietro, Sassetta, Ugolino da Siena — the artists represented are the finest painterly spirits of an age which marks one of the high points of Western art and a period in which hand and spirit worked in a close harmony never to be achieved again.

As an example of personal rather than official taste, the exhibition is already an important document. It is a small, *exquisite* and moving collection, centred around the personality which brought it together.

Perkins cycled relentlessly around the hill towns of Umbria and Tuscany in study and in search of masterpieces. He bought and sold for clients as grand as Pierpont Morgan and Helen Clay Frick, and to him we owe the presence of several important pieces in the Metropolitan Museum in *New York.*

Strange as it may seem, Perkins had quite close relations with a man called Federico Icilio Joni, one of the greatest forgers of the early part of this century. Does this cast a menacing light on Perkins's collection, valued today at around £700 *million?* We do not have to wait long to know. The catalogue of the collection is in the hands of Italy's most eminent art historian, Federico Zeri, for verification.

Perhaps as a result of his conversion to Catholicism in 1928 and his gratefulness to the Franciscans in Assisi — to whom he owed his protection during the war years — Perkins left his collection to the Basilica *of St Francis* on *his death.* "Being a papal property", he wrote in his will, "and under the special protection of the Vatican, [it] would be a more secure haven than any museum or state institution in *case of war or civic disorder.*"

The funding for the permanent exhibition of the Perkins collection comes from Alitalia; the management of it is in the hands of the Franciscan brothers. So, for those *intending to make the* worthwhile journey, the news is good: neither strikes (God willing), nor lack of funds, nor lack of personnel should be able to close the display.

Nigel McGilchrist

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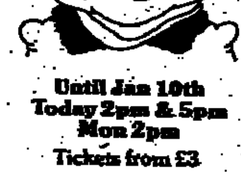

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IN THE GARDEN

Watering place: silhouette of a family gardening, circa 1790

Days of design and primroses

Kipling and Fletcher's celebratory hymn "The Glory of the Garden", written in 1911, applauded the "stately views, borders, beds and shrubberies, lawns and avenues" but pulled no punches about the labour required to maintain such glory.

Taking its title from their poem, the new The Glory of the Garden Exhibition, assembled by Sotheby's and members and supporters of the Royal Horticultural Society, gives a similarly full expression to five centuries of passionate gardening.

It consists of a rich scatter of items associated with gardening from the fine art of the floral compositions in oils of Van Huysum and Rachel Ruysch, one of the few women painters of her time (who painted most beautiful and exquisitely accurate canvases despite the additional activity of bearing 10 children); tapestries, silverware, illustrated books, and porcelain down to the practical tools of the trade.

Some of the exhibits look deceptively out of their time. Maria Sibylla Merian's watercolour of primroses, painted in the late 17th century, looks as fresh and interesting as if it had been painted yesterday by a modern primula enthusiast. The creamy double varieties and pink-washed singles look delectable – there was a wider selection of these delicate *Primula vulgaris* varieties in those days than there are now. Similarly, while admiring the beautiful illustration of double hyacinths published by Curtis in the early 19th century, we must lament that such flowers are now extinct.

An important lesson reinforced by this exhibition is always to peer inquisitively into country house paintings; they tell us so much about gardening landscapes, and about design – from medieval raised bees to Helen Allingham's brimming cottage borders – if not precise plant composition.

In the picture of Mr Davies' house at Llannerch, Clwyd, North Wales, in 1662 we see the walled gardens with their espalier fruit trees, several orchards, formally clipped trees, courtyards and fountains.

Rysbrack's five views of the gardens at Chiswick House show us the spectrum of fashionable garden practice of the early 18th century with its orange tree garden, the canal and the beautifully hedged walks. My own favourites are Balthasar Nebot's views of Hartwell House where gentlefolk stroll in a formal landscape of clipped trees and topiary allées, pools and temples. We also see the gardeners clipping the high hedges, scything the lawns and men and women stacking haycocks. I know this series of paintings well from the museum at Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire, and there is scarcely a county museum in the country which does not yield up similar treasure to the curious gaze.

The most moving exhibit for me was the picture of Sir Cedric Morris's wartime garden showing blue-green rows of vegetables where he had dug over his beautiful and famous flower garden as a contribution to the war effort. The most engrossing items were undoubtedly the tools.

Watering cans have changed little since the 16th century, but we should have little call today for lawn boots for horses which minimized the damage done by animals dragging heavy mowers across the grass. The glass cumcumber straightener is a nice piece of equipment, producing fruits ready to put through the elegant 19th-century silver cucumber slicer.

The bell-jar cloches are what I should like most of all. At this time of year when one wants to protect tender plants or winter blooms from excessive rain or frost, these attractively-shaped glass jars would be an asset rather than a awkward utility in the garden.

Francesca Greenoak

The Glory of the Garden RHS/Sotheby's exhibition at Sotheby's Galleries, New Bond Street, until January 28 (except January 5) Monday-Saturday 9-5.30; Sunday 2.30-5.30. Entry free. Catalogue £5.

WEEKEND TIPS

- **Christmas poinsettias can continue to look bright for several weeks if cared for – give them a regular spell on a bright windowsill, take care not to overheat (60-65°F), mist spray with water daily and water (don't feed) the compost fairly frequently to keep it moist but not waterlogged.**
- **A shawl of ivy protects walls and other structures from the weather – more damage is done by tearing it away than leaving it. Sensible trimming and tidying gives a nice evergreen cover also providing winter shelter for wrens and brimstone butterflies.**
- **Keep a weather eye open for houseplants on windowsills: bring them into the room at night or open the curtains if frost is forecast.**
- **Check your winter lettuces for overcrowding and signs of rot after the Christmas rain and mild temperatures.**
- **Continue to lift Jerusalem artichokes.**

REVIEW

Complex shades of orange

PAPERBACKS

Paisley by Ed Moloney and Andy Pollak (Poolbeg, £5.95)

When the Rev Ian Paisley first appeared on our TV screens, he provoked both horror and laughter. How could such a being exist in the benign and liberal 1960s? And, granted that he did exist, how could anyone take him seriously?

It was easy to understand the wild little girl on the other side, Miss Bernadette Devlin, and to sympathize with her; she articulated comprehensible grievances and spoke a familiar language. But Paisley? From what primeval swamp had this rough beast crawled, all covered with orange slime, to bellow his old hatreds and his quarrel with the modern world? Yet 20 years later it is Paisley who holds centre stage in the drama of Ulster politics.

He has survived all the Unionist leaders who stood in his way – O'Neill, Faulkner, Craig, West, Chichester-Clark – and more Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland than most of us could number; and still the English don't understand him. He might be taken indeed to symbolize the gulf that lies between England and Ulster. What, irritated English politicians and commentators ask, does the man want? Devolution in Ulster, an independent Ulster, integration in Britain, even a Federal Ireland?

This biography by two journalists from *The Irish Times*, both brought up and educated in the North, is an attempt to explain the phenomena of Paisley and Paisleyism.

They are appalled by his bigotry, and consider that "Unionism has paid a terrible price for his uncompromising leadership"; yet they acknowledge his magnetism, his personal warmth, humanity and humour, and his admirable record as a constituency MP in Belfast, London, and Brussels. They note that in that capacity he has served his Catholic constituents as well as his Protestant ones.

Their principal charge against him is a grave one. "Paisley has sought political power, but always shirked from exercising it. The price of ministerial office – flexibility, compromise, reasonableness – has always been too high."

Paisley is less a politician than a prophet. Of course his political activity often makes his prophecies self-fulfilling, as his biographers reiterate. Nevertheless, it is his prophetic quality that accounts for his political power. He tells Protestant Ulster what it believes in its heart: that it is surrounded by enemies who wish to destroy its characteristic culture. Since what he says is in fact true, there is no remedy for the province's discontents.

Allan Massie

BOOKS IN BRIEF

English Misericords by Marshall Laird (John Murray, £9.95)

Some of the most vivid images of the Middle Ages that survive for us lie hidden beneath the tip-up seats in the choir stalls of Beverley Minster, Lavenham, and the other churches and cathedrals of England. Because they were hidden from sight, the carvers felt that they were out of school, and could sculpt everyday scenes and animals from their own lives, as well as the monsters and mermaids that swarmed in their imaginations, rather than the religious scenes you would expect in the body of the kirk. Misericords are an argument for taking a torch, as vaulting is an argument for taking binoculars, when visiting churches. Latest photographic techniques have produced this pretty survey beneath the seats.

Best SF of the Year edited by Terry Carr (Gollancz, £3.95)

A Terran expedition to a planet whose more or less humanoid inhabitants are at the Bronze Age level of civilization. A world where people live on an endless vertical wall, a kind of Flatland set on edge, and what happens when changes invade this vertiginous state. Everyone is on permanent holiday in the six fabulous cities of the far tomorrow, but it has its dark side. These selected science fiction short stories show that the genre still thrives, in spite of the increasing popularity of Tolkien-fantasy rubbish.

Philip Howard

Peerless quartet

ROCK RECORDS

Bill Bruford: Master Strokes 1978-1985 (EG EG LP 67)

Bill Bruford, the erstwhile drummer with Yes and King Crimson, proved himself to be a player and composer of rare sympathy and understatement with a series of solo albums in the jazz-rock idiom recorded since 1978. Master Strokes 1978-1985 is a collection, compiled by Bruford himself, that recalls some of the finest moments of his band, comprising Allan Holdsworth (guitar), Jeff Berlin (bass) and Dave Stewart (keyboards), individuals of exceptional ability, and, unusually in the angst and ego-ridden world of virtuoso playing, a quartet that gelled as a unit of peerless finesse executing carefully arranged material.

The complex structures and shifting time sequences of the pieces are firmly governed by melodic and textural themes of inspired persuasion, and though one suspects that solo sections have been improvised, Stewart and particularly Holdsworth play with such considered respect for the intriguing movements of Bruford's compositions that their excursions supply focus and harmony, in contrast to the showy, tangential departures more commonly associated with jazz-rock soloing.

The most highly skilled technique in the business is harnessed without compromise to conjure melodies that might inspire a thesis, but may still be whistled in the bath.

David Sinclair

Chords from a lost pioneer

JAZZ RECORDS

Dodo Marmarosa The Chicago Sessions (Argo ARCD 502, 2 discs)
Helen Merrill Music Makers (Owl 044)

A bebop pioneer whose neat, probing piano work can be heard on landmark 1940s recordings by Charlie Parker and Lester Young, Michael "Dodo" Marmarosa disappeared into obscurity in the 1950s, resurfaced briefly in the early 1960s, then seemingly checked out of public life for keeps. But the quality of The Chicago Sessions ought to provoke a re-evaluation of his stature.

The first of the two discs, a trio session from May 1961, features nimbly swinging but generally unremarkable versions of such well-trodden standards as "On Green Dolphin Street", "Cottage for Sale" and "I Thought About You". The second, however, is a different matter. Recorded 18 months later and unreleased until now, it finds Marmarosa in a more challenging setting, leading a quartet completed by Bill Hardman (trumpet), Richard Evans (bass) and Ben Dixon (drums).

Here the pianist plays with far more fire, digging beneath the surface of his material in a performance that recalls Bud Powell and Hampton Hawes.

Helen Merrill is another of jazz's better-kept secrets, but perhaps the presence on Music Makers of Stephane Grappelli's romantic violin and Steve Lacy's fibrous soprano saxophone will help to win her new admirers. In fact Gordon Beck, the British pianist, is the bedrock of this intimate recital, whose dozen songs include "Laura", "Round Midnight" and "A Gal in Calico". A particularly fine reading of "When Lights Are Low", arranged for voice and piano, brings out the full charm of Miss Merrill's light, slightly husky delivery.

Richard Williams

Spiced with variety

CLASSICAL RECORDS

The Art of Alessandro Valente
EMI EG 29 0979 1

Here is a true curiosity. Alessandro Valente was the tenor who recorded for HMV Calaf's two arias from *Turandot* shortly after the premiere of Puccini's opera and made his name, at least as far as the gramophone was concerned, with them. He was then approaching 40.

His career had been "chequered", to use a nice old-fashioned euphemism, and much of it had been spent on the halls rather than on the opera stage. He even sang in vaudeville under the name of Alex Vallo and made a couple of tracks (for Decca) with Fred Hartley. EMI's selection from the few arias he did record, including the *Turandot* pair, looks back to the days when the more-than-respectable tenor was part of the variety bill.

There is no pretending that Valente invests his numbers with great character and the bottom of the voice is distinctly suspect. He tends to tread warily at the start of most arias, especially noticeable in "Che gelida manina", but his *acuti* have a genuine thrill to them and Cavardossi's "Recondite armonia" bears ample testament to that.

John Higgins

Schoenberg: Ode to Napoleon; Webern: String Trio and early chamber works
La Salle Quartet. Deutsche Grammophon 415 982-2 (CD, also black disc and cassette)

The La Salle Quartet have made some invaluable contributions to the catalogue of New Viennese music, and do so again with their lastest recording for DG. Schoenberg's venomous indictment of Nazism, the setting of Byron's **Ode to Napoleon**, is delivered tellingly here through the *sprechtgesang* of Kenneth Griffiths.

As an aesthetic artifice the work may not number among the composer's finer achievements. But as an outburst of sarcastic anger, directed against all tyrants, it bites deep, especially in a performance as sharp-edged as this. One welcomes, however, this disc for rather more: it includes a poetic reading of Webern's jewel-like String Trio, Op 20, and also offers a rare opportunity to hear the Piano Quintet of 1907 and a Rondo for string quartet from 1906, densely scored.

Stephen Pettitt

THE TIMES ARTS DIARY

Off with his heads

Two years after Terry Wogan began his three-day week on television, *Wogan* is about to lose its two most senior producers. Despite an offer, unheard of on the show, of a new contract for 18 months, Peter Estall is off to Birmingham to sort out the Pamela Armstrong TV show which has not been the heady programme its sixth-floor sponsors expected. Meanwhile, series producer Frances Whitaker, whose contract was summarily terminated by Michael Grade (despite current ratings of 8.5 million), has nothing in the offing. Television Centre pundits are asking whether the BBC will seize this opportunity to elevate Whitaker and make her the first woman to hold a senior managerial post in television. If so, what could be a better position than head of her old department, Network Features – currently as headless as *Wogan*.

Double take

Film director Sir Richard Attenborough and his itinerant animal-loving brother Sir David are to be portrayed for posterity by the Norfolk artist, Ivy Smith. As part of her prize for winning the 1986 John Player Award, Smith has been commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery to paint a double portrait of the famous pair for its collection. Work on the commission, worth £2,000, will begin soon.

Sirs Richard and David

Smith thereby joins an illustrious group of painters honoured by the tobacco barons, and subsequently commissioned by the NPG. They include Margaret Foreman, who painted Lord Butler, Humphrey Ocean (Paul McCartney) and Michael Taylor (Julian Bream).

● I hear that six tearful youngsters failed to appear in Carlo Menotti's opera The Boy Who Grew Too Fast at Sadler's Wells last month, despite having spent two months in rehearsals. It appears the maestro decided that they were too tall.

Rubber band

Former London Festival Ballet dancers Elizabeth Davies and Karen Smith are staging two charity ballet classes in London shortly to raise funds for Aids sufferers. Musical accompaniment will be by a gay orchestra, the London Pink Philharmonia. And each pupil attending the classes will receive a gift, as endorsed on TV by HM Government – one free condom.

Solo tour

The Sultanate of Oman is offering generous tax-free inducements, furnished accommodation and free medical treatment for teachers of violin and double bass for its Royal Symphony Orchestra. However, as status is specified as "unaccompanied", presumably soloists are preferred.

William Richmond

BRIDGE

A rare dummy lapse

In general, the standard of dummy play in the British Bridge League Trials was very high. This was a rare lapse.

Teams. Game all. Dealer West.

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            ♠ A J 9 3
            ♡ K 10 8 7
            ♢ 10 5 4
            ♣ Q J
♠ 6 4          N        ♠ K
♡ 9 6 5      W   E      ♡ J 4 2
♢ A K J 9      S        ♢ Q 7 6 2
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            ♠ Q 10 8 7 5 2
            ♡ A Q 3
            ♢ 8 3
            ♣ K 4
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W	N	E	S
1♢	No	2♢	2♠
No	4♠	No	No
No	–	–	–

Opening lead ♢K

The defence started with the ♢K, the ♢A, and the ♢9 to East's ♢Q, which South ruffed. Declarer metaphorically shrugged his shoulders and took a losing spade finesse.

It was a feeble effort. The hand lends itself to the technique known as discovery play. Declarer's first move should be to force out the ♣A. When he finds that West has that card, he should consider why West did not open one no trump, which in his system would show 13-15 points. If that is suggestive, he should also consider that East could well have passed if his only assets were the ♢Q and the ♡J.

The evidence points overwhelmingly to East having the ♠K.

Failure on the next hand would only be dubbed an error by a perfectionist, but Robert Sheehan is his own harshest critic.

Teams. North-South game. Dealer East.

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            ♠ K J 4 3
            ♡ A 9
            ♢ A 6 4 2
            ♣ K 10 8
♠ Q 10 8 6     N        ♠ 9 5
♡ Q 5 3      W   E      ♡ K 8 7 6 2
♢ Q J          S        ♢ 10 8 7 5 3
♣ J 9 6 2               ♣ 7
            ♠ A 7 2
            ♡ J 10 4
            ♢ K 9
            ♣ A Q 5 4 3
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W	N	E	S
	Flint		Sheehan
–	–	2NT(1)	Double
3♡(2)	4♡(3)	No	5♣
No	6♣(4)	No	No
No	–	–	–

Opening lead ♢Q

(1) Any two five-card suits, not including clubs. In the ultra-modern style, I discovered, any collection of garbage justifies an opening bid at this vulnerability.
(2) Prepared to play in three hearts, if East has hearts, otherwise spades. (The inference is that he prefers three of a major to three diamonds).
(3) Forward going, uncertain which suit to play in.
(4) Doubtful. Curiously the ♣10 persuaded me to push on.

Sheehan must have viewed his prospects with modified rapture. But ironically the opponents' aggressive bidding, which had driven us overboard, did provide the clue to the winning line. Win the diamond in hand and play a heart to the ♡9 and the ♡K. Take the diamond return with dummy's Ace. Cash the ♡A and cross to hand with the ♠A. Now finesse the ten of clubs. Run the clubs. On the last club West will be unable to resist the pressure because he cannot both retain the ♡Q and keep his spade guarded.

"I desperately wanted to finesse the ♣10," Sheehan said, "but how foolish I would have looked if I had lost to the doubleton Knave. Nevertheless, my play was against the odds."

It hardly seemed the right moment to say that I bid the slam only because of the wretched ten of clubs.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

The hero halted

The chess world is fortunate in having a highly active and apparently invincible hero as its champion. Kasparov has twice mastered the mighty Karpov in world title matches, conquered such greats as Beliavsky, Korchnoi, Smyslov, Hübner, Andersson, Timman and Miles in set matches and won a team and two individual gold medals in the Dubai Olympics. Now Kasparov has won the category 16 tournament in Brussels by a record margin. Does he never fail in his aims?

In Dubai Kasparov lost just one game, but this was to the USA top board, Yasser Seirawan. As a result, the USA beat the USSR 2½-1½, while the Americans temporarily swept past the Russians and nearly won the gold medals. Kasparov is due to play a six game challenge match with Nigel Short in London at the start of February. It was Short who inflicted the sole defeat on Kasparov in Brussels. I am sure that at the back of Kasparov's mind there is now a burning desire to come to similar grips with Seirawan.

White: Seirawan (USA); Black: Kasparov (USSR)
Grünfeld Defence

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 g6
3 Nc3 d5 4 Nf3 Bg7
5 Bg5 Ne4 6 cxd5 Nxg5
7 Nxg5 e6 8 Nf3

I prefer 8 Qd2 exd5 9 Qe3+ Kf8 10 Qf4.

8 – exd5 9 b4 Qd6
10 a3 0-0 11 e3 c6
12 Be2 Bf5 13 0-0 Nd7
14 Na4 a5 15 Qb3 b5

Black's resolute play has wiped out any vestiges of White's Queen side initiative.

16 Nc5 a4 17 Qc3 Nb6
18 Nd2 Rae8 19 Rfe1 Re7
20 Bf3 Rfe8 21 g3 Bh3
22 Bg2 Bxg2 23 Kxg2 f5
24 h4 Nc4 25 Nf3 Bf6
26 Re2 Rg7 27 Rh1 Qe7
28 Ree1 h6 29 Qd3 Rf8
30 Nd2 Qe8 31 Nxc4 dxc4
32 Qd1 Re7 33 Ref1 Qf7

White's position is completely passive and only Black has winning chances.

34 Qf3 Qd5 35 Qxd5 cxd5
36 Kf3 Bg7 37 Rd1 Rff7
38 Rd2 Re8 39 Rdd1 Bf8
40 Rdg1 Bg7 41 Rd1 Kf8
42 Rd2 Ke7 43 Rhd1 Kd6
44 Rh2 Kc6 45 Rhh1 Bf8
46 Rd2 Bd6 47 Rdd1 Bxc5?

A premature exchange which permits White to equalize.

48 dxc5 Re4 49 Rhe1 Rd7

Kasparov begins to drift. He should play 49 ... Rfe7.

50 Rd4 g5 51 hxg5 hxg5
52 Rec1 Rxd4 53 exd4 Rh7
54 Ke2 Rh3

Commencing a mad adventure.

55 g4 f4 56 exf4 Rxa3
57 fxg5 Ra2+ 58 Kf3 e3?

The losing move. He must try 58 ... Ra3+ 59 Kg2 Ra2! to meet 60 g6 with ... Re2 and ... Re8.

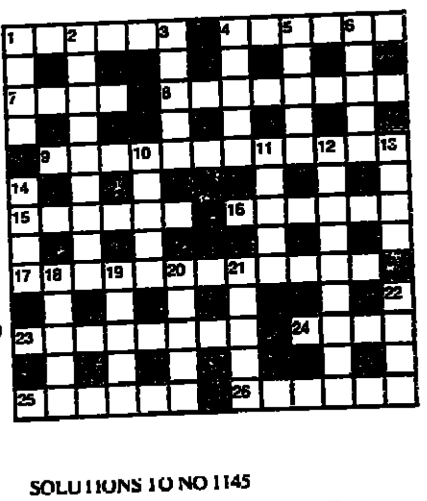
59 Re1 d4 60 g6 d3
61 Ke3 Rd2

Here the game was adjourned, but Kasparov resigned without resuming play. Seirawan's sealed move was 62 g7.

Raymond Keene

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1146

Prizes of the New Collins Thesaurus will be given for the first two correct solutions opened on Thursday, January 8. Entries should be addressed to The Times Concise Crossword Competition, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be announced on Saturday, January 10.



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1 Stationary (6)
4 Fight (6)
7 Space (4)
8 Primitive (8)
9 Picture mounting (5,7)
15 Gourd bath sponge (6)
16 Ammonium TNT (6)
17 Naval police chief (6,2,4)
23 Watchtower (8)
24 Cut with acid (4)
25 Game participant (6)
26 N American gorge (6)

DOWN
1 Type (4)
2 Irregular (9)
3 Anchor chain (5)
4 Around (5)
5 Intended (5)
6 Farewell (5)
10 Laminated clay rock (5)
11 Cuban dance (5)
12 Eyesight measurement (9)
13 Cash register (4)
14 Close forcefully (4)
18 Advantage (5)
19 Plump (5)
20 Happen again (5)
21 Pick me up (5)
22 Avoid (4)

SOLUTIONS TO NO 1145

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The winners of prize concise No 1140 are: Emma Rees, Field Head, Nowton Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk: and Mr H. W. Gawthrop, Princes Road, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

SOLUTIONS TO NO 1140 (last Saturday's prize concise)

ACROSS: 1 Zapata 4 Almost 7 Need 8 Poltroon 9 Rip Van Winkle 15 Pledge 16 Spider 17 Artillerymen 23 Scorpion 24 Spit 25 Seemly 26 Warden
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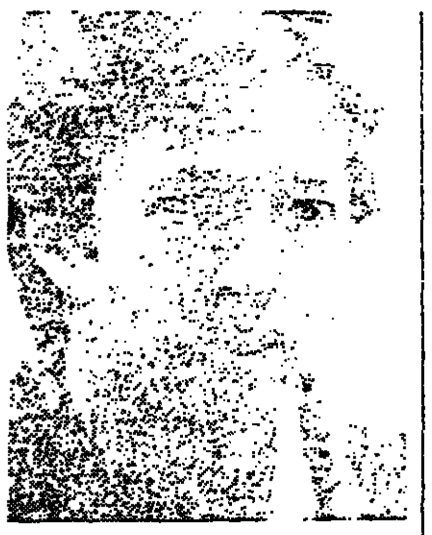


ROCK

IN THE MAINSTREAM: Eric Clapton is the first to admit that his days as the guitar-slinging hero with Cream and subsequent "supergroups" bear little relevance to the mainstream easy-listening rock that *he now* purveys. But with the heavyweight line-up of Greg Phillinganes (keyboards), *Nathan* East (bass) and Phil Collins (drums) he indulges in passable versions of "White Room" and "*Sunshine of Your Love*". Manchester Apollo (061 273 3775), tonight; Royal Albert Hall, London (01-589 8212), *from Tuesday.*

FILMS

BACK TO SCHOOL: Kathleen Turner has troubles aplenty in Francis Ford Coppola's *Peggy Sue Got Married* (15). Just when her marriage is at its rockiest, she is whisked back to high school *via a time-warp.* This warm, sophisticated comedy has returned Coppola to box-office favour after a *run of flops.* For Turner *Peggy Sue* further demonstrates her allure and skill. Resemblances to *Back to the Future are mostly coincidental*; the two films were in production simultaneously. Odeon Leicester *Square* (01-930 6111), *from Friday.*

CONCERTS

ROMANTIC MOOD: Murray Perahia, the brilliant American pianist, plays probably the greatest of early Romantic piano concertos, the eternally fresh and springlike one by *Schumann, with the London* Symphony Orchestra. It promises to be an outstanding interpretation on *every level, since the conductor* is *Sir* Colin Davis. Two of Sir Colin's other strong affinities are represented by *the Beatrice and Benedict* Overture of Berlioz and the Sibelius Symphony No 5. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-628 8795), *tonight, 7.45pm.*

OPERA

CARD TRICK: Janice Cairns sings the role of Lisa for the first time in David Pountney's production of *The Queen of Spades*. Pushkin's story of the obsessive gambler, set to music *by Tchaikovsky, also features Sarah* Walker as the Countess. Janice Cairns joined the English National *Opera in 1983 and is one of the* company's rising young sopranos, having taken the title roles in *Aida* and *Madame Butterfly*. In April she sings Amelia in Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*. London Coliseum (01-838 3161), *from* Thursday.

RADIO

BY THE LETTER: Louis Armstrong is among the artists featured in *Robert Parker's A-Z of Jazz*. Parker is an Australian jazz enthusiast who converts old 78 recordings into *modern digital stereo. He first* demonstrated the results in *Jazz Classics in Stereo*, which was broadcast last year. His *new series* is a dictionary of jazz personalities from the classic and swing eras, and *joining Armstrong under the letter* "A" are the Alabama Jug Band, Henry "Red" Allen and Lovie Austin. Radio 2, Tuesday, 7-7.30pm.

TELEVISION

BABY MINDER: Ian Hogg makes only a brief appearance in the first episode of *Rockliffe's Babies* but do not be fooled. He is the star all right, playing a tough but vulnerable *detective sergeant in charge of raw* young coppers (the "Babies") in a West London crime squad. Produced *by Leonard Lewis*, a veteran of several BBC police series, *Rockliffe's Babies* has been conceived as the *Z-Cars* of the 1980s and promises raw-edged drama which reflects contemporary Britain. BBC1, Friday, 9.30-10.20pm.

THEATRE

OPENINGS

BOPHA!: Market Theatre of *Johannesburg present the* Earth Players' production of a play by Percy Mtwa, who also directs. The divided loyalties and compromised position of a black policeman in South Africa.
Cottesloe (01-928-2252). Previews Tues, Wed (two perfs). Opens Thurs.

COMING IN TO LAND: Stephen Poliakoff's play, starring Maggie Smith with *Anthony Andrews, Tim Pigott-*Smith, directed by Peter Hall. Previously listed Dec 13 issue. Lyttleton (01-928-2252). Previews today, Mon, Tues. Opens Wed.

AN IMITATION OF LIFE: New commissioned piece by Claire MacDonald and Peter Brooks, formerly of Impact Theatre Cooperative; a two-hander performed by Tony Guilfoyle and Jan Pearson.
Bush (01-743-3388). *From* Tues. Press night Fri.

INTENSIVE CARE: 1981 Prix *Italia winner, a play by leading* German playwright Christopher Gahl. "A wry surrealistic look at how the individual confronts the prospect of death and the quality of life."
Tabard, 2 Bath Road, London W4 (01-995-6035). Opens Mon.

LOSING VENICE: London premiere of Traverse Theatre Scotland's 1985 production of John Clifford's comic fantasy, directed by Jenny *Killick*.
Almeida, Almeida Street, London N1 (01-837-7816). Opens Tues. *Press night* Thurs.

● Peter Barkworth departs from his familiar television persona as the middle-aged executive under stress to present a one-man show on the soldier-poet, Siegfried Sassoon, the centenary of whose birth fell in 1986. The show arrives in London after an extensive national tour. Hampstead Theatre (01-722 9224), from Monday.

TAKEN OUT: Greg Cullen's study of the effects on the victims and survivors and their families involved in the Bluff Cove disaster in the Falklands campaign, when 51 Welsh *Guards* were killed, is based on months of interview with those concerned. London premiere.
Drill Hall Arts Centre, 16 Chenies Street, WC1 (01-637-8270). Opens Tues.

MONOPOLY: New play by Nicholas McInerny about four westerners imprisoned together in a *hostile Islamic* dictatorship. All they have in common is the cell and a set of the game Monopoly.
Old Red Lion, St John Street, London N1 (01-837-7816). Opens Tues. Press night Thurs.

OUT OF TOWN

CHICHESTER: Henry IV Pt 1/Pt 2/Henry V: Addition to the *touring schedule of the English* Shakespeare Company. Michael Bogdanov directs Michael Pennington, John Woodvine in a mini-repertory season of all three plays.
Festival Theatre (0243-781312). *Opens Tues. Until Jan* 17.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: *Fire in the Lake:* Karim Alrawi's play about environmental destruction, nuclear power and African famine, directed by John Blackmore.
Gulbenkian Studio (091-232-9974). Opens Wed.

STOKE ON TRENT: Who Killed Hilda Murrell?: Chris Martin's *investigation into the much-*debated death of an elderly rosegrower who was also an anti-nuclear campaigner.
Stephen Joseph Room of New Victoria Theatre, Newcastle-under-Lyme (0782-615962). Opens Tues.

SELECTED

ME AND MY GIRL: Good-*hearted musical. The famous* Walk still sets the feet tapping.
Adelphi (01-836 7611).

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS: Neil Simon's vivid recollection of a Brooklyn childhood. Waves of emotion. Successful NT transfer with Dorothy Tutin joining the cast.
Aldwych (01-836 6404).

WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT: Two adolescent girls eagerly entering the amazing world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer of a sort-*of-comedy from the Bush.*
Whitehall (01-930 7765).

A PENNY FOR A SONG: John *Whiting's comical-pastoral-*historical-romance. A Dorset village steels itself to thwart Napoleon. *Charming* within its limits.
Barbican (01-628 8795).

THE PIED PIPER: *Pop* Browning and the rocking rats. Enchanting children's show. Great stuff.
National (01-928 2252).

ROCK

THE BHUNDU BOYS: "New wave" African group with a distinctive pop guitar sound. Tomorrow, Albany Empire, London SE8 (01-691 3333).

BILL BRUFORD'S EARTHWORKS: An exciting jazz-rock line-up comprising *Django* Bates (keyboards) and Iain Ballamy (sax), both from Loose Tubes, with Mick Hutton (bass) and the redoubtable Bruford on drums.
Mon, Queen Elizabeth Hall, London SE1 (01-928 3191).

THE HUMAN LEAGUE: They were dreadful on *The Tube* but perhaps they will get in tune for the second leg of their tour.
Wed, Birmingham Odeon (021 643 6101); Thurs, Poole Arts Centre (*0202 685 222*); Fri, St David's Hall, Cardiff (0222 371 236).

MICRODISNEY: A serious pop group who keep threatening to be successful.
Thurs, *Mean Fiddler*, London NW10 (01-961 5490).

PHOTOGRAPHY

PRINT POWER: A sparkling *little show in the Print Room* which examines the vexed question of print originality and concludes, rather obviously, that a print need not be unique. However, original prints from Irving Penn, Atget, Brandt among others, more than make the rather axiomatic observation worthwhile.
The Photographers' Gallery, 5 and 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2.

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: *Two performances, one at* each end of the week, of *Lucia di Lammermoor*. On Mon and Jan 10 at 7.30pm Dennis ONeill takes over from Alfredo Kraus as Edgardo; June Anderson remains as *Lucia herself*, and Robin Leggate replaces Peter Bronder as Arturo.
Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: A choice in the first week of the year which in many ways epitomizes this company's work: tonight and *Tues at 7pm* two more performances of David Pountney's sleazy, controversial *Carmen*, with Sally Burgess in the title role; on Wed and Jan 10 at 7.30pm the powerful Janacek *double bill of Osud (Fate)* and *The Diary of One who Disappeared*, with Arthur Davies and Jean Rigby. On Thurs at 7pm the return of *The Queen of Spades* (see above). And on Fri at *7.30pm another festive Fledermaus.*
Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161).

OPERA NORTH: A single performance this week of David Freeman's new production of *La Boheme*, tonight at 7.15pm with Eirian Davies and Adrian Martin, and conducted by Elgar Howarth.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, Leeds (0532 459351)

CONCERTS

WEBER 200: Belated celebrations of the 200th anniversary of Weber's birth (1786) are fairly numerous, and *Michele* Campanella plays his Piano Sonata No 1, *Polacca brillante, Invitation to the Dance*, plus Liszt's *Années de Pèlerinage II — Italie.*
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Today, 7.30pm.

ALL TCHAIKOVSKY: Fraser Goulding conducts the London Concert Orchestra in the *1812* Overture, *Nutcracker* Suite, excerpts from *The Sleeping Beauty* and *Swan Lake*. And William *Stephenson solos* in Piano Concerto No 1.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795), credit cards 01-638 8891). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

ARLEEN AUGÉR: Fresh from singing at the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of York, Arleen Augér offers songs by Mozart, Schubert, Richard Strauss, Mahler.
Wigmore Hall. Tomorrow, *7pm.*

TRIO FINNICO: The Trio Finnico performs piano trios by *Beethoven — Op 70 No* 2, Mendelssohn — Op 49, Copland — *Vitebsk* and Shostakovich — Op 67.
Wigmore Hall, Mon, 7.30pm.

ROBIN ALLESON: A distinctly unusual programme by the violinist Robin Alleson, with Neville Schäfer at the piano, includes Patterson's Luslawice Variations, Schumann's Sonata *Op 105 and the London* première of Eddy Courts's Sonata Op 40.
Wigmore Hall. Tues, 7.30pm.

SCHUBERT'S FRIEND: The *bass baritone Robert Holl* sings Schubert settings of verse by his close friend Johann Mayrhofer, to mark the 200th anniversary of the poet's birth. András Schiff accompanies.
Wigmore Hall. Wed, 7.30pm.

WATKINSON/SINFONIA: Andrew Watkinson conducts the City of London Sinfonia *in Bach's Brandenburg* Concerto No 3, plays the violin in Vivaldi's *Seasons*; and Jack Brymer solos in Mozart's Clarinet Concerto.
Barbican Centre. Fri, 7.45pm.

ALPINE STRAUSS: Richard Strauss's Alpine Symphony is performed by the Scottish National Orchestra under Neeme Järvi, as is Beethoven's Leonora Overture *No 3. In Schumann's Piano* Concerto the soloist is Radu Lupu.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031-228 1155/6). Fri, 7.30pm.

RADIO

● Charlotte Bronte made a late and unexpected marriage to her father's curate but her happiness was shortlived. In Morag Hood's skilful documentary *After Many Cares and Bitter Sorrows* Maggie McCarthy plays Charlotte and Anna Massey is her biographer, Mrs Gaskell. Radio 4, Tues, 8.30-9.15pm.

AL READ: With his catchphrase "Right, monkey!" and humour drawn from the observation of ordinary people, Al Read was a top radio comedian of the 1950s. In a four-part series he looks back on his career with illustrations from the classic programmes.
Radio 2, Wed, 10-10.15pm.

THE SPRINGER INHERITANCE: Profile of the newspaper publisher, Axel Springer, multi-millionaire and controversial voice of the German right.
Radio 4, Thurs, 8.15-9pm.

TELEVISION

JAZZ WEEK: BBC2's *celebration includes* Loose Tubes (today, 8.20-9.15pm), The Charlie Watts Orchestra (today, 11pm-*midnight*), a tribute to John Coltrane (Tues, 7.30-8.30pm), and *Le Jazz Hot*, the story of jazz in France (Fri, 9-10.40pm).

AS I WALKED OUT ONE MIDSUMMER MORNING: Lyrical two-part film based on Laurie Lee's classic account of his love affair with Spain in the 1930s. *Lee himself* narrates and he is played as a young man by the actor John Wild.
BBC2, Mon, 9-10pm; Tues, 9-9.45pm.

FILTHY RICH AND CATFLAP: *Predictably loutish humour* from the Edmondson-Mayall-Planer team which is likely to have teenagers doubled up in hysterics and the rest of us switching off after two minutes.
BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10pm.

YESTERDAY'S DREAMS: Paul Freeman and Judy Loe as a divorced couple who meet again after seven years of separation and wonder where they went wrong. A love story *in seven parts by cricketer-*turned-playwright Peter Gibbs.
ITV, Fri, 9-10pm.

JAZZ

GEOFF CASTLE: Best known for his rather polite excursions into jazz-rock fusion music, the skilful British pianist and composer here leads a quartet featuring the marvellous trumpeter Dick Pearce, which *suggests a concentration on* basic jazz virtues.
Tomorrow, Bass Clef, 1 Hoxton Square, London N1 (01-729 2476)

GEORGE COLEMAN: Although his tenure with Miles Davis in the early Sixties did not lead him to stardom, the Memphis-born tenor saxophonist went on to become a master of mainstream-modern techniques. His season will be a swinging master class.
Mon-Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747)

DANGEROUS MUSIC: An intriguing quartet teams two free-thinking saxophonists, Jon Corbett and the great innovator *Evan Parker*, with two percussionists, Thebe Lipere and Will Evans. Regular *voyagers beyond the outer* limits will need no further recommendation.
Tues, Seven Dials Jazz Club, Black Horse, 6 Rathbone Place, London W1 (01-580 0666)

EPISTEME: Anthony Davis, the adventurous young American composer, whose opera on the subject of Malcolm X was recently produced in New York, leads his unclassifiable *chamber music group on a tour* for the Contemporary Music Network.
Wed, Logan Hall, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 (01-387 9629)

FILMS

OPENINGS

THE SACRIFICE (15): Andrei *Tarkovsky's self-styled "poetic* parable" — a starkly beautiful epic shot in Sweden, with Erland Josephson as the intellectual hero facing the world's end.
Lumiere (836 0691).

HEARTBURN (15): Nora Ephron's semi-autobiographical novel about a foundering marriage, filmed with good surface detail and smart performances (Meryl *Streep, Jack Nicholson*). Directed by Mike Nichols.
Plaza (01-437 1234), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148), from Fri.

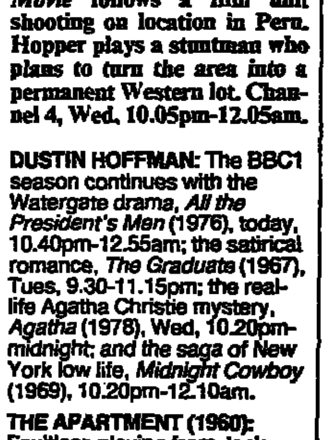
TWICE IN A LIFETIME (15): Decent, mid-life crisis *drama*, with Gene Hackman as the steelworker stirred from marital lethargy by Ann-Margret's barmaid. Developed by Colin Welland from his 1973 TV play *Kisses at Fifty*; *directed by Bud Yorkin*, with Ellen Burstyn (the abandoned wife) and Amy Madigan (the angry daughter).
Odeon Haymarket (01-839 1527), from Fri.

SELECTED

THE FIRST NEW WAVE: The *NFT's stunning season* presenting French treasures from the Twenties begins on Tues with Alexander Volkoff's wild *Casanova* (with live music). Plus Raymond Bernard's spectacular *Miracle of the Wolves* (Thurs).
National Film Theatre (01-928 3232).

A SUMMER AT GRANDPA'S: Keenly observed Taiwanese film about the rural adventures *of two city lads; a gentle* delight.
ICA Cinema (01-930 3647).

FILMS ON TV



● Actor-director Dennis Hopper moved on from the influential *Easy Rider* to *The Last Movie*, an unusual and undervalued film about the process of film making. Made in *1971*, but only now getting its British television premiere, *The Last Movie* follows a film unit shooting on location in Peru. Hopper plays a stuntman who plans to turn the area into a permanent Western lot. Channel 4, Wed, 10.05pm-12.05am.

DUSTIN HOFFMAN: The BBC1 season continues with the Watergate drama, *All the President's Men* (1976), today, 10.40pm-12.55am; the satirical romance, *The Graduate* (1967), Tues, 9.30-11.15pm; the real-life Agatha Christie mystery, *Agatha* (1978), Wed, 10.20pm-midnight; *and the saga of New* York low life, *Midnight Cowboy* (1969), 10.20pm-12.10am.

THE APARTMENT (1960): Faultless playing from Jack Lemmon, Shirley Maclaine and *Fred MacMurray in Billy* Wilder's mordant look at immorality in the office.
BBC2, today, 3.30-5.30pm.

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY (1953): Burt Lancaster, Montgomery Clift and Deborah Kerr in James Jones's steamy tale of army life in Hawaii before Pearl Harbour.
Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.20pm-12.35am.

DANCE

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Highlight of the week in dance is the revival (Fri) of *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*, created by Frederick Ashton in 1948 and long believed lost. It is given with another Ashton "golden oldie", *Capriol Suite*, and two other works created in 1950s for this company, Cranko's *Pineapple Poll* and MacMillan's *Solitaire*. Meanwhile, there are two further performances today of *The Snow Queen*, and *Coppelia* (Mon-Thurs) with four different casts.
Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916).

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: The *Nutcracker* continues until January 17 with varied casts; there are two performances today, then evenings Mon-Fri.
Festival Hall (01-928 3191).

SCOTTISH BALLET: Peter Darrell's *Cinderella*, to Rossini music, is revived for a tour opening in Glasgow (Tues-Jan 17), then visiting Aberdeen, Hull, Edinburgh and Belfast.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234).

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Robert de Warren's Cinderella, to Johann Strauss's score, has two more performances at Northampton today. Then *Swan Lake* in Sheffield, Tues-Jan 10, with Nureyev appearing Wed & *Thurs.*
Derngate, Northampton (0604 24811). City Hall, Sheffield (0742 735295).

GALLERIES

OPENINGS

JULIA CONDON: First London *showing for this young artist*, only 28, who paints multiple self-portraits with classical simplicity and execution.
Edward Totah Gallery, 13 Old Burlington Street, London W1 (01-734 0343) from Thurs.

HENRY MOORE: Drawings and maquettes of reclining figures, helmets, mothers and child from the last 15 years of the sculptor's life.
Castlefield Gallery, 5 *Campfield Avenue Arcade*, Manchester (061 832 8034) from Fri.

VISAKHE WIJEYERATNE: Landscape pastels and watercolours by a Sri Lankan *artist who continues this* gallery's policy of showing quality work from outside Europe and America.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-603 4535) from Fri.

PAINTINGS IN HOSPITALS: British work purchased and commissioned by a charity committed to the therapeutic value of art. A distinguished *roll-call includes Hitchens*, Piper, Riley and Weight.
Sotheby's, 34 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 4561) from Wed.

WORKS ON PAPER: Smaller, but often no less significant, works by modern masters, including Leger, Hoyland, Picasso, Dubuffet, Matisse, Klee etc.
Waddington Galleries, 2 Cork Street, London W1 (01-*437 8611) from Wed.*

HARVEY DANIELS: Joyous, decorative recent paintings and collages by a lesser-known ex-Pop artist.
The Gallery, Brighton Polytechnic, Grand Parade, Brighton (0273 604141) from Fri.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BRISTOL OLD VIC: Booking *opens this week for British* première of *The Fifth of July* by Lanford Wilson, and première of new version of Goldoni's *Mirandolina* at New Vic. Season tickets for spring season, including *The Doctor's Dilemma*, and *John Bull*, until Jan 24.
Theatre Royal, King Street, *Bristol (0272 243388)*

SADLERS WELLS ROYAL BALLET: Performances of *The Snow Queen* and *Coppelia* in Glasgow and Aberdeen in February.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234); Her Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen (0224 638080).

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA: Postal booking open for spring 87 season, with new productions of *Tosca, Simon Boccanegra, The Stone Guest*, and *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk*. *ENO, Coliseum*, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 2699 for leaflet).

LAST CHANCE

PAINTING IN SCOTLAND: Stunning portraits by Allan Ramsay and Henry Raeburn in *this survey of Scottish art* during the Enlightenment.
The Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313). Ends tomorrow.

JAMES FITTON: Retrospective of painter, cartoonist and graphic designer, who died in 1982, which is full of surprises.
Dulwich Picture Gallery, *College Road, London SE21* (01-693 5254). Ends tomorrow.

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Magnificent obsession: Frank Auerbach and his drawing of a favourite model, Catherine Lampert

The art of painting forever

For more than 30 years, Frank Auerbach has painted and drawn in the same Camden Town studio with a mission verging on obsession. "It seems to me to be madness to wake up in the morning and do something other than paint, considering the fact that one may not wake up the following morning." To outsiders this daily observance sounds more like self-imprisonment than mere routine; Auerbach's critical standards are harsh. *He reckons that for every success there* are a thousand failures.

His subjects comprise portraits of a *few close friends, some of whom have* modelled for him for a couple of decades, and landscapes close to his studio — Primrose Hill and Regent's Park and the approach to Euston Station. "I have attachments to certain people and places," he explains, "and it is less worthwhile to record things to which I am less attached."

Given his stringent self-criticism, it is not surprising that his output is modest and his exhibitions infrequent. Good painting takes time and he talks about finishing pictures "again and again", several times a day, until finally they have "a little something".

Auerbach was born into a Jewish family in Berlin in 1931. Two years later the Nazis came to power. Early in 1939, fearing the worst, his parents dispatched him to England and he never saw anyone from his German childhood again. Since 1947 he has lived, somewhat reclusively, in London, rarely putting himself in the public eye and preferring to let his work speak for him. He is determined not to become a personality.

He spent a brief but productive period under the inspired tuition of David Bomberg at Borough Polytechnic and then studied at the Slade School and the Royal College of Art. He was a teacher until the sales of his work brought him financial independence.

Auerbach's early pictures are notable for thick oil pigment in which the subject is formed almost physically in successive layers of paint, as the artist tries to fix the "recalcitrant facts" of observation, personality and experience. Later pictures are thinner and more colourful and have reached a peak of accomplishment which has prompted the most demanding of critics to employ superlatives. *Belated international acclaim came last* year when he shared the top award at the Venice Biennale.

In an artistic climate where so much is fast, flip and fashionable, Auerbach is a maverick. In his attempt to produce work that will last, he feels he has more in common with the old masters. "I am hoping," he once said, "to make a new thing for the world that remains in the mind like a species of living thing."

David Lee

Frank Auerbach's recent paintings and drawings are on show at Marlborough Fine Art, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (01-629 5161), from Wednesday.

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Saturday 10 Jan 7.30 pm	HANDEL'S MESSIAH London Orpheus Choir and Orchestra James Gaddarn (con) Jacquelyn Fugelle (sop) Christopher Robson (counter tenor) Neil Archer (ten) Alan Fairs (bass) Leslie Pearson (harpsichord) John Birch (organ) Handel's Messiah in its entirety, edited by Basil Lam. £4, £5.50, £6.50, £7 London Orpheus Choir
Sunday 11 Jan 7.15 pm	SWEDEN AND THE CLASSICAL ERA Purcell Orchestra Robin Page (con) Michael Collins (basset-horn) Kraus Olympie. Haydn Symphony No 49 (La passione). Gluck Overture, Iphigenie en Aulide. Mozart Clarinet Concerto, K 622. Kraus Symphony in C minor. £2.50, £3.50 £4.50 £5.50 £6.50 Purcell Orchestra
Tuesday 13 Jan 1.10 pm	FROM RUSSIA WITH LUNCH Guildhall String Ensemble Great Russian Masters. Stravinsky Apollon musagete, Tchaikovsky Souvenir de Florence. £2.50 Unreserved. Inclusive lunchtime package £5.25 Info. 01-928 3002 The South Bank Board/Clarion Concert Agency Ltd.
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Thursday 15 Jan 7.45 pm	MARIUS MAY (cello) IMOGEN COOPER (piano) Beethoven Variations in E flat on 'Bei Mannern' WoO46 (from Mozart's Die Zauberflote), Schumann Funf Stucke im Volkston, Op. 102, Beethoven Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1; Janacek Pohadka (A Fairy Tale), Mendelssohn Sonata in D, Op 58 £2 £3 £4.50 £6 Ingpen & Williams Ltd

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Sunday 4 January NB starting time: 7 p.m.	ARLEEN AUGER soprano. DALTON BALDWIN piano. Song Recital Series. Songs by Mozart, Schubert, R. Strauss and Mahler. All seats sold (Returns only)
Monday 5 January 7.30 p.m.	TRIO FINNICO. Beethoven: Piano Trio in E flat Op. 70 No. 2; Shostakovich: Piano Trio No. 2 in E minor Op. 67; Copland: Vitebsk (1929). Mendelssohn: Piano Trio No. 1 in D minor Op. 49. £4.50, £4, £3, £2 Elizabeth Thorneycroft-Smith
Tuesday 6 January 7.30 p.m.	ROBIN ALLESON violin NEVILLE SCHAFER piano Schumann Sonata in A minor Op. 105. Eddy Coarts: Sonata Op. 40 (1st London performance). Paul Patterson: Lutoslawski Variations Op. 50. Brahms: Sonata No 3 in D minor Op. 108 £4.50, £4, £3, £2 Janine Blythe Artists Mgt.
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Saturday 10 January 7.30 p.m.	SMETANA QUARTET. Master Concert. Beethoven: String Quartet in C minor Op 18 No. 4. Smetana: String Quartet No. 2 in D minor (1883). Dvorak: String Quartet in A flat Op 105. £6, £5, £4, £3
Sunday 11 January 11.30 a.m.	MICHELE CAMPANELLA piano. Sunday Morning Coffee Concert. Mozart: Fantasia in D minor K397, Adagio in B minor K540, Rondo in D K485. Weber: Variations on Vien qua Dorina Bella Op 7; Schubert: Sonata in A minor D784 (Op. posth 143). £3 inc prog & free coffee/sherry or squash after performance.
Sunday 11 January NB: starting time: 7 p.m.	SIGISWALD KUIJKEN violin. Early Music & Baroque Series. JS Bach: Sonata No 2 in A minor BWV1003; Partita No. 3 in E BWV1006; Partita No. 2 in D minor BWV1004 £5, £4, £3, £2 Judith Hendershott Mgt.
Monday 12 January 7.30 p.m.	IAN BROWN piano. Brahms: 2 Rhapsodies Op. 79; Debussy: Images Book 1. Simon Holt: Tauromaquia (first performance). Beethoven: Sonata in B flat Op. 106 Hammerklavier £4.50, £4, £3, £2
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Thursday 15 January 7.30 p.m.	ANNE HOWELLS mezzo soprano. JOHN CONSTABLE piano. French & Spanish Songs including songs by Bizet, Roussel, Debussy, Falla, Rodrigo, Giasters, Obradors £6, £5, £4, £3 Jane Gray
Friday 16 January 7.30 p.m.	SMETANA QUARTET/JOSEF SUK viola. Janacek: Quartet No. 1 in E minor Kreutzer Sonata; Mozart: String Quintet in C K515 Dvorak: String Quintet in E flat Op. 97 £7.50, £6, £4.50, £3. Proceeds to Marianne Richardson Memorial Fund

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ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 836 6903 S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50/£13.50 Mats (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera). 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Today 2.30 & 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET** The Nutcracker. Ballet casting info: 01-240 9815. Mon 7.30 **THE ROYAL OPERA** Lucia di Lammermoor.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200. Until 17 Jan. Eves 7.30, Sat Mats 2.30.
40th Anniversary Season

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET

Ton't: **THE SNOW QUEEN.** Mon to Thurs: **COPPELIA.** Fri & Sat: **VALSES NOBLES ET SENTIMENTALES** (Ashton) **CAPRIOL SUITE** (Ashton) **/SOLITAIRE/PINEAPPLE POLL.**

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913/4 CC 741 9999/836 7358/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr 7 day CC 240 7200 (bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987

ME AND MY GIRL
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 **"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN"** S Express

ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/379 6433/ 741 9999 Group Sales 836 3962. Eves 8pm LIMITED LONDON SEASON

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ALBERY 836 3878 cc 379 6565/379 6433/ 741 9999/ Grps 836 3962. 1.30 & 4.15 daily. Last Perfs Today 1.30 & 4.15 David Wood's

THE OLD MAN OF LOCHNAGAR
From the book by HRH The Prince of Wales. A Musical Play for Children. LAST 2 PERFS TODAY 1.30 & 4.15

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30. Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's

LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES
Winner 4 **"BEST PLAY"** awards Lindsay Duncan **"BEST ACTRESS"** Olivier Awards '86

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233. 01 741 9999
DOROTHY TUTIN SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB STEVEN MACKINTOSH ROBERT GLENISTER in **NEIL SIMON'S**

BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS
Directed by **MICHAEL RUDMAN** A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times " It will run for a long time" Time Out Eves Mon - Fri 7.30 Mats Weds 3.0 Sats 5.00 & 8.30 First Call 24 hr 7 day cc 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 01 930 6123.

APOLLO THEATRE 437 2663 434 3598 First Call 01-240 7200 Ticketmaster cc 379 6433 Mon-Fri 8, Sat 4.30 & 8.15 Thurs Mats 3.
PAUL SCOFIELD "MASTERLY" F.Times **HOWARD ROLLINS "MAGNIFICENT"** D.Mail

I'M NOT RAPPAPORT
"Wonderfully funny" D.Exp. TONY AWARD BEST PLAY

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 CC 630 6262 Party Bkgs 828 6188 First Call cc (24hr) 240 7200 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 **"A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION"** D Exp

STARLIGHT EXPRESS
Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN **APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS** Special concessions at £5 on Tues mats for OAP's **NOW BOOKING TO SEPT 1987**

BARBICAN 01 628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE** tickets available **FINAL PERFORMANCES** today 2.00 & 7.30 **SCENES FROM A MARRIAGE** by Feydeau "Magnificent... most enjoyable." D.Tel. **MISALLIANCE** by Shaw returns Mon & Tues 7.30 **THE PIT** today 2.00 & 7.30 **THE ARCHBISHOP'S CEILING** by Arthur Miller. **PRINCIPIA SCRIPTORIAE** by Richard Nelson. Mon & Tues 7.30

BLOOMSBURY, Gordon St. WC1 387 9629 CC 380 1453. Until Jan 10. Today 2pm & 5pm. Mon 2pm. Tues to Fri 10.30am & 2pm **THE ADVENTURES OF MR TOAD, The Sparkling New Family Musical. "Consistently catchy tunes" Indep.**

CHURCHILL Bromley 460 6677 **DICK WHITTINGTON** Roy Hudd, Roger de Courcey & Nookie Bear, Bill Pertwee, Jimmy Thompson, Lyn Paul.

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 CC 240 7200/379 6433/741 9999 Grps 930 6123 **"A superb acting partnership"** Times
JOHN ALDERTON GWEN TAYLOR SUSAN PENHALIGON

THE MAINTENANCE MAN
A Comedy by Richard Harris **"A MARITAL MASTERPIECE ...WONDERFULLY FUNNY"** N of the W "The applause of rapturous recognition" D Mail "Very funny indeed" S.Exp Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.30 & 8.30

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Today 2.30 & 7.30 last perfs **THE BAY AT NICE and WRECKED EGGS** by David Hare. Previews Tue 7.30, Wed 2.30 & 7.30. Opens Thur 7.00. Fri 7.30, Sat 2.30 & 7.30 **SOPHIA!**

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433/741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Eves 8.00 Thu mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30 **"BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST"** D Mail
The Theatre of Comedy Company **DEREK FOWLDS ROYCE MILLS ALFRED MARKS ANITA GRAHAM JACKI PIPER SAM COX**

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Written and directed by RAY COONEY Over 1,600 side-splitting perfs **"SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE"** S. Ex Good seats avail Thurs mats.

DOMINION THEATRE 580 8845/9562. **ALL** tel CC bkgs **FIRST CALL** 24hr 7 day on 836 2428 **NO BOOKING FEE** Grp Sales 930 6123
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THE ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE

CLIFF RICHARD
AS 'THE ROCK STAR' THE PORTRAYAL OF 'AKASH' BY

LAURENCE OLIVIER
Mon-Fri 7.30 Thu Mat 2.30 Sat 4 & 8.15 At Thurs mats only "The Rock Star" will be performed by John Christie **SPECIAL CONCESSIONS** at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's avail 1 hr before perf. Reduced prices Thurs mats only £7 & £10 **Now Booking to April '87. SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T**

DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 cc 379 6565/6433 Till 10 Jan Eves 8pm, Sat Mats 5pm **DORY PREVIN**

DUCHESS S 836 8243 CC 240 9648 CC 379 6433 & CC 24 hr/7 day 240 7200 Evgs 8 Wed mat 3 Sat 5 & 8 **NO SEX, PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH**

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & CC 01-836 8108. 01-240 9066/7 First Call 24hr 7 day cc bkgs on 01 240 7200 (no bkg fee). Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no bkg fee)
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Evgs 8.0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat 5.0 & 8.30 Reduced price mat Weds. Students and OAP's standby. Group Sales 930 6123

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122/836 9837 24 Hr cc 240 7200 741 9999 379 6433 Eves 8. Thu 3. Sat 5 & 8.30

COMEDY OF THE YEAR
Standard Drama Award 1984

STEPPING OUT
Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie **"TRIUMPH ON TAP"** Std

THIRD HILARIOUS YEAR

FORTUNE BO/CC 836 2238/9 Agy F.CALL 7day 24hr 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123. **DONT MISS First UK stage version J.R.R. Tolkien's**

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BKG EXTENDED TO 31 JAN By public demand "Spectacular scenes and likeable heroes... imperishable magic" Times Today at 2.00pm, 5.00 & 8.00pm Sun at 4.30 & 7.30pm. No perf Mon. Tues-Fri 3.00 & 7.30pm

GARRICK S 01 379 6107 1st call 24/hr 7 day 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 Ticketmaster 379 6433 Eves 7.30, Sat 5 & 8 Mat Tue 3pm

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"Class of their own" Std

MR and MRS NOBODY
by Keith Waterhouse Directed by Ned Sherrin **"The best comedy to reach the West End this year"** Times **"EVERYBODY MUST SEE THIS NOBODY"** D.Mail

GLOBE 437 1592 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 1st Call 24 hr 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 Sat 4 **Nominated for COMEDY OF THE YEAR Laurence Olivier Awards 1986**

LEND ME A TENOR
"If it's laughter you're after .. then the fun comes nowhere thicker and faster" Std A Comedy by Ken Ludwig Directed by David Gilmore **LAST 2 WEEKS**

GLOBE 01-437 3667 cc 741 9999 1st Call 240 7200 24 hr 7 day (bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123 **From 14 January OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Olivier Awards '86 GLENDA JACKSON JOAN PLOWRIGHT** in Lorca's "thrilling" Obs **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA** with **PATRICIA HAYES Nuria Espert - Best Director** Standard Drama Awards

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. First Call cc 24hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.45. Mats Sat 2.30 **NIGHT MUST FALL** by Emlyn Williams. "...excellent production ... continually takes you by surprise" Times "Hugely enjoyable" Ind

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301. Eves 8. Sat Mat 4.30 **SELLING THE SIZZLE A New Comedy by Peter Gibbs.** "Glorious high-farce performances from **Dinsdale Landen and David Threlfall**" Times. "Very funny" D.Exp. **LAST PERF TODAY!**

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box office & CC 01-930 9832. 1st Call 24hr /7 day cc bkgs 240 7200 Ticketmaster 379 6433 Eves 7.30 Wed & Sat mats 2.30pm **DEREK JACOBI** in **"A Truly Mesmerising Performance"** S.Times

BREAKING the CODE
by **HUGH WHITEMORE Joanna David Isabel Dean Michael Gough** Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS **"THIS HUMAN, HUMANE, SERIOUS AND GRIPPING PLAY... VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED"** S.Times

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6131 First Call CC 240 7200 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL**

THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Starring **MICHAEL CRAWFORD SARAH BRIGHTMAN STEVE BARTON** Claire Moore plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Now Booking to Oct 87, some Wed mats available, please contact box office for returns

LONDON PALLADIUM 437 7373. 741 9999 (no bkg fee) First Call 24 Hr 7 Day CC 240 7200 (NO BKG FEE) Grp Sales 930 6123. Ticketmaster 379 6433

THE HIT MUSICAL COMEDY
GEORGE HEARN

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES
"—A PALLADIUM ROAR OF APPROVAL" S.Tel Mon-Fri 7.30. Mats Wed 2.00 Sat 2.30 & 8.00 *Stdnt concessions avail. at door* Mon-Fri & Sat mats **SEATS AVAILABLE FROM £7.50**

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 Eves 7.30 (Box office for details of mats) **ALICE IN WONDERLAND** adapted by **John Wells**, with music by **Carl Davis**. **HER SPOON ON BUTTON MOON** (Tel. box office for perf times). **STUDIO** Eves 8pm **THE ELIERS SUNBIRD.**

LYRIC THEATRE Shaftesbury Ave W1 01-437 3686/7 01-434 1550. 01-434 1050. 01-734 5166/7
COLIN BLAKELY "A brilliant & joyously comic performance" F. Times in The National Theatre's acclaimed production of **ALAN AYCKBOURN'S**

A CHORUS OF DISAPPROVAL
"Heartbreakingly funny" Gdn "Hilarious.." S. Times "A rare evening of comic exhilaration" Times Evgs 7.30. Mats Wed and Sat 3.0 Group Sales 01-930 6123. Reduced price mats Student & OAP Stand-by **First Call 24hr 7 day cc bookings on 01 240 7200 (no booking fee) Ticketmaster 01 379 6433 (no booking fee)**

WINNER OF ALL THE BEST COMEDY AWARDS FOR 1985 NOW BOOKING UNTIL APRIL

LYTTELTON 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's proscenium stage) Previews Ton't, Mon, Tue 7.45. Opens Wed 7.00. Then Thurs 7.45 **COMING IN TO LAND** by Stephen Poliakoff. (Jan 7 & 8 SOLD OUT) Fri 7.45 **THE MAGISTRATE.** Ton't 11pm Lyttelton Buffet **More Soup Songs.** Late Night Cabaret all tkts £4.00

MAYFAIR S CC 629 3036. Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.40 & 8.10

RICHARD TODD in
"The Best Thriller for years" S M

THE BUSINESS OF MURDER
"An unabashed winner" S Exp "Sensational" Times **7TH THRILLING YEAR**

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MERMAID THEATRE 01-236 5568 24hr cc 240 7200/ 379 6433. 741 9999 Grp Sls 930 6123 Kenneth Grahame's wonderful

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS
Twice daily 2 & 6. **Ends January 10**

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THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER / T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL

CATS
APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Group Bookings 01 405 1567 or 01 930 6123. **NOW BOOKING TO MAY 30 1987.** Seats available in Jan

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 **Previews from 14 Jan.** Opens 20 Jan at 7pm
MALCOLM McDOWELL MARY STEENBURGEN CHERIE LUNGHI FRANK GRIMES and **GEOFFREY BURRIDGE** in

HOLIDAY
a comedy by **Philip Barry** Dir by **LINDSAY ANDERSON**

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc 261 1821 Eves 7.30. Wed Mats 2.30. Sats 4.00 & 7.45
MARIA AITKEN JUDI BOWKER FAITH BROOK BARBARA EWING JULIA FOSTER GEORGINA HALE PATTI LOVE DIANA QUICK ZENA WALKER and **SUSANNAH YORK** in

THE WOMEN
by Clare Boothe Luce **"All female ritzy extravaganza" FT "DELICIOUSLY FUNNY"** Times "Witty, wicked women's world" S.Exp **"STYLISH, STAR-STUDDED PRODUCTION"** D Mirror **LAST 2 WEEKS - MUST END JAN 10**

OLIVIER 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's open stage) Today 2.00 (low price mat) & 7.15 **ANIMAL FARM** by Orwell, adapted by Peter Hall. Mon, Tue, Wed 7.00 prompt, Thur 2.00 (low price mat) & 7.00 prompt **KING LEAR.** Tue, Wed 10.30am & 2.00 **THE PIED PIPER.**

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 cc OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 First Call 24Hr 7Day cc 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches **THE MUSICAL SENSATION**

LES MISERABLES
"IF YOU CAN'T GET A TICKET - STEAL ONE!" Std Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval **BEAT THE TOUTS BY ENQUIRING FOR RETURNS AT THE BOX OFFICE.** **Now booking to Sept '87**

PRINCE EDWARD Box Office 734 8951 First Call 24 Hr 7 Days cc Booking 836 3464 Grp Sales 930 6123. Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thurs & Sat 2.30

CHESS
"A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek
Now booking to March 28, 1987 MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY

PRINCE OF WALES W1 930 8681/2 cc Hotline 930 0844/5/6. Grp Sales 930 6123. Keith Prowse 741 9999. Ticketmaster 379 6433 First Call 24 hour, 7 day (**NO BKG FEE**) 240 7200

'ALLO 'ALLO
with the **TV SHOW STARS "It's all sauce at the café of laughs"** D Exp Eves 8. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40 **NOW BOOKING TO 30 MAY**

QUEEN'S 01-734 1166/1167/0261/0120. 24hr cc 240 7200/379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123 **"THE BEST MUSICAL IN LONDON"** Gdn "A WONDERFUL STAR" Mail

MAUREEN LIPMAN in
LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S

WONDERFUL TOWN!
"It ripples with excitement" S Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5

ROYALTY 01-831 0660 24hr cc 240 7200 379 6433 741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123

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Twice daily at 2.30 & 7.30 **Ends January 17**

SAVOY THEATRE 01 836 8888. *CC 379 6219, 836 0479. First Call* 24 hr 7 day (no bkg fee) 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123. Eves *Mon-Fri 8pm. Sat 5 & 8.30. Wed Mat 3pm*
PATRICK MACNEE DAVID LANGTON JENNIE LINDEN & LIZ ROBERTSON in A Mystery Thriller for all the Family

KILLING JESSICA
Directed by **BRYAN FORBES "Ranking with 'Sleuth' for surprise & ingenuity"** D.Mail. **"In the time-honoured manner of an Agatha Christie thriller"** Std. **"THIS SHOW IS A SURE-FIRE WINNER"** Listener

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Mon-Fri 8. Wed 3. Sat 5.15 & 8.30 *THE THEATRE OF COMEDY CO's* lavish new production **TOM CONTI** in

AN ITALIAN STRAW HAT
by Eugene Labiche with CLIVE DUNN and STRATFORD JOHNS

ST MARTIN'S 01-836 1443. Special CC No. 379 6433. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45. *Sat 5.0 and 8.0* **AGATHA CHRISTIE'S**

THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 836 2660 CC 836 4143/5190. 741 9999. **First Call 24 Hr 7 Day cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Grp Sales 930 6123**

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"The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now running in the West End" Std Starring

WAYNE SLEEP
Directed & Choreographed by **Gillian Lynne** Mon-Fri 7.45, Mat Wed 3.00 *Sat 4.30 & 8.15* **OAP REDUCED PRICES MATS. BOOKING NOW UP TO APRIL '87** Spec perf New Year's Eve 7pm

STRATFORD UPON AVON (0789) 295623. **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY at "RST". Dream** Today 1.30. **Macbeth** Tonight, Tue, Wed 7.30. **Richard II** Mon 7.30. **Swan Theatre, Rover** Today 1.30. **Fair Maid** Tonight, Mon, Tue, Wed 7.30. **Every Man** Wed 1.30.

THEATRE OF COMEDY COMPANY
"The very best of Britain's comic talent" Daily Mail See separate entries under: **CRITERION THEATRE SHAFTESBURY THEATRE OF COMEDY**

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JULIA McKENZIE BEST ACTRESS OF THE YEAR Standard Drama Award **MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON** in **ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play**

WOMAN IN MIND
"THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON. IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING" S Tel **"ALAN AYCKBOURN IS WRITING AT HIS BEST"** S Times

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ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT TO SEE THIS FABULOUS CAST. LAST PERF JAN 10
PAUL NICHOLAS CYD CHARISSE DORA BRYAN NICHOLAS PARSONS MARK WYNTER in

CHARLIE GIRL
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Directed by Richard Eyre Prevs Feb 13 1st Night Feb 25 Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15. Gp Sales 930 6123

WESTMINSTER 01 834 0283/4 cc 834 0048, cc Ticketmaster 379 6433 Mon-Sat 3.00 & 6.30 **Magical Season THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE** by C.S. Lewis

WHITEHALL off Trafalgar Sq 01 930 7765/ 839 4455 CC 01 379 6565/379 6433, 741 9999 Grp sales 930 6123/836 3962
JULIE WALTERS GERALDINE JAMES SHEILA REID JOHN GORDON SINCLAIR The Award Winning Comedy **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT** by Sharman Macdonald *Directed by Simon Stokes* **"ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PLAYS OF RECENT YEARS"** Obs Eves 8, Wed mat 3, Sats 5.30 & 8.30

WIMBLEDON THEATRE Box Office 01 540 0362 Until Feb 7th. London's favourite family panto **JACK & THE BEANSTALK** Starring **Barry Worth, Anita Harris, Robin Askwith, Denise Nolan. Book Now!**

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 cc 379 6565/Ticketmaster 379 6433/1st Call 24hr 7 days 240 7200/741 9999/Grp Sales 930 6123/836 3962. Eves 7.30, Sat mats 3 *For a limited season* **"A performance unparalleled in the West End"** Independent.

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TOM WILKINSON in **The Young Vic production of**

GHOSTS
By Henrik Ibsen Directed by David Thacker **"BRILLIANT PRODUCTION. DON'T MISS"** City Limits

ART GALLERIES

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 4141. **David Roberts (1796-1864): paintings of Europe & the Near East plus Lion Rugs by nomadic Fars tribeswomen. ENDS TOMORROW.** Open Today 10 - 6.45, Tomor 12 - 5.45. Adm £2 & £1.

BETHNAL GREEN MUSEUM OF CHILDHOOD. Cambridge Heath Rd, E.2. **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.** Wkdys 10 - 6. Suns. 2.30 - 6. Closed Fridays

HAYWARD GALLERY, South Bank, SE1. **RODIN and BOYLE FAMILY** Exhibitions. Adm. £3.00/£1.50. Recorded info: 01-261 0127.

MARLBOROUGH, 6 Albemarle St, W1. **FRANK AUERBACH.** *Recent Work.* 7 Jan.- 20 Feb. Fully Illus. Cat. avail. Mon-Fri 10-5.30. Sats. 10-12.30. 01-629 5161.

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY St. Martin's Place, London WC2. Tel 01-930 1552. **ELIZABETH II: Portraits of 60 Years.** Adm. £2. Family tickets £5. **STAGING THE SELF:** Self-Portrait Photography 1940s-1980s. Adm £1. Mon-Fri 10-5 Sat 10-6 Sun 2-6.

TATE GALLERY, Millbank SW1. **PAINTING IN SCOTLAND:** The Golden Age 1707-1843. Until 4 Jan. Adm. £2.50. **THE LIPCHITZ GIFT.** Until 10 May. Adm. free. Wkdys 10 - 5.50. Suns 2 - 5.50. Recorded info. 01-821 7128.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM - *The National Museum of Art & Design, S. Kensington.* **NEW TOSHIBA GALLERY OF JAPANESE ART. EYE FOR INDUSTRY:** *Royal Designers for Industry 1936 - 1986.* Recorded info 01 581 4894. Wkdys 10 - 5.50. Suns 2.30 - 5.50. *Closed Fridays.*

ZAMANA GALLERY, 1 Cromwell Gardens, SW7. 584 6612. **ISTANBUL** - A Photographic Journey through Turkish Architecture. Until 18 Jan. Tue-Sat 10-5.30. Sun 12-5.30

CINEMAS

BARBICAN 1: 01 638 8891. Tckts £3. Student concs £2 all perfs. Tickets Bookable. Today 6.15 & 8.15 **MEN** (15) Today *11.00 & 2.30 Kids Club (Instant Membership)* **CHRISTMAS PARTY.**

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Town Tube 485 2443. **LABYRINTH** (U). Film at 2.00 4.10 6.20 8.35. Reduced tickets for children. ENDS Thurs. STARTS Fri 9 Jan Chabrol's **INSPECTEUR LAVARDIN** (15)

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 **INSPECTEUR LAVARDIN** (15) Film at 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.55

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737 Claude Lanzmann's **SHOAH** (PG) Part 1 Tues & Thurs 5.45 Sats 11.30am & 5.45 Part 2 Mon & Wed 5.45 Sundays Part 1 at 11.30am Part 2 at 5.45 "Totally absorbing, see the film" Std. **Ends Thursday**

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench in **A ROOM WITH A VIEW** (PG). Film at 1.30 (Not Sun), 3.45, 6.10 & 8.40. "A film as near to perfection as it's *possible to conceive*" Alexander Walker, Std.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) **CROCODILE DUNDEE** (15) in Dolby Stereo. Sep progs Daily 1.10 3.40 6.15 8.50. Late Night Show Nightly 11.45pm. All progs bookable in advance. Extra Show Saturday Night 2.30pm

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2. 379 3014/ 836 0691 **'ROUND MIDNIGHT** (15) *Film at 1.00 3.30 6.00 8.35.* Late show Fri and Sat 11.15pm ENDS Thur. STARTS Fri 9 Jan Tarkovsky's **THE SACRIFICE** (15). Advance booking now open.

MINEMA 45 **KNIGHTSBRIDGE** 235 4225 **A ROOM WITH A VIEW** (PG) Daily: 2.30 4.45 7.00 9.15

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) **MONA LISA** (18) Sep progs Daily 2.15 6.00 8.40. Late Night Show Fri & Sat 11.45pm. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome.

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BARBICAN HALL February concerts include

STRAVINSKY plus
London Symphony Orchestra
Gennadi Rozhdestvensky
Viktoria Postnikova
Salvatore Accardo
Gwynne Howell
Guildhall School ensembles
The Songmakers' Almanac

Oscar Shumsky	13/14 Feb
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SPORTS DIARY

Frances Edmonds
in Australia

But what a record...

After Australia's innings defeat in the fourth Test at Melbourne, ensuring Pommie retention of the Ashes, there is no shortage of media critics calling for Australian skipper Allan Border's head. But, whatever his merits or shortcomings as a captain, there is plenty of statistical evidence to support the view that Border is one of the best players in Australian cricket history. For example, in the past 18 months – since the start of the 1985 tour of England – he has scored 23 first-class centuries, nine of them in Test matches. During the Melbourne Test he reached 1,000 Test runs in the 1986 calendar year (1985: 1,099) and his 3,000th run in first-class cricket. In a team where paceman Bruce Reid is the only other automatic selection, perhaps the critics would care to suggest a plausible replacement.

Not so fly

On a free day during the match against Tasmania last week, injured all-rounder Ian Botham and spinner Phil Edmonds, together with John Woodcock, cricket correspondent of *The Times*, went trout fishing. With beginner's luck, Edmonds was soon rewarded with a catch, but the real competition was between the *Sun's* adoptive son, Botham, and the *Times* correspondent, both acknowledged experts in the field. The tally at the end of the day, sad to relate, was *The Times* 1, *Sun* 3.

Life and soul

After last week's one-day fixture against the Prime Minister's XI at Canberra, the England team were entertained at a sumptuous cocktail party in the gardens of Bob Hawke's official residence, The Lodge. Hawke, a self-confessed reformed alcoholic, is now the epitome of health and fitness, and the nibbles were based on his latest fat-free, salt-free and sugar-free diet. But it takes more than a Rhodes scholar-sports fanatic-prime minister to make an indelible impression on certain members of the England cricket team. In his speech of thanks, captain Mike Gatting constantly referred to Hawke as the Premier – a word, in Australia, denoting the leader of a state government, of which there are seven. Later, confused, perhaps, by the practice putting green which the Hawkes have installed at the bottom of the garden, Phillip DeFreitas rang home excitedly to say he had just met Bob Hope.

Phillipa

The England cricket team's fancy dress Christmas party was a resounding success. The prize of a bottle of vintage Bollinger champagne went without question to a disturbingly epicene DeFreitas displaying a remarkable similarity to Diana Ross in a clinging red satin dress, feather boa, diamanté necklace and high-heeled vamped shoes. There were presents for everyone: for Edmonds two books on how to arrest terminal hair loss; for Wilf "Tutu" Slack a bishop's outfit, complete with dog-collar; and for Gatting half a dozen diet books, together with the latest *Australian Gourmet* should they fail. Plus, mindful of that now-legendary lie-in a month ago, a special alarm clock.

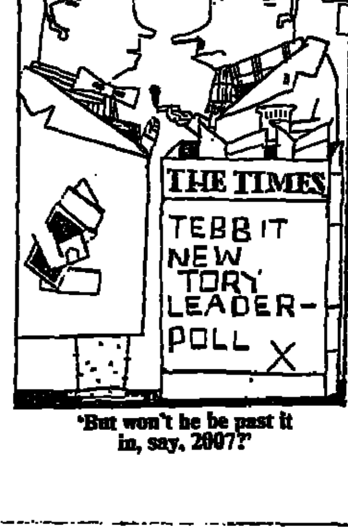
Gowerleiter

The Christmas festivities were organized by former England captain David Gower, whose personality change while dressed up in a Nazi SS officer's uniform was quite remarkable. He ran the party proceedings with a marked air of disciplinarian authority. A pity that he could not have hammed up such obnoxious traits earlier in the year; he might then have been the victorious England captain.

Empty gesture

Perhaps a strange sense of timing by the White Horse whisky was also the result of a few nips too many. Last week magazines here carried a full-page colour advertisement headed "The Spirit to Win" showing White Crusader, the White Horse-sponsored America's Cup contender. It was unfortunate that White Crusader had been eliminated the previous week. Still on yachting, I predict a competition for 12-metre yachts to be run along the lines of the formula one world motor racing championship, with rounds in the US, Britain, Italy, Australia and New Zealand. Watch this space.

BARRY FANTONI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'But won't he be past it in, say, 2007?'

David Robinson on the life and genius of the late Andrei Tarkovsky

Sculptor in time, master of spirit

Andrei Tarkovsky, who died in Paris this week at the age of 54, will go down in history not just as the greatest Soviet film-maker since Eisenstein but as one of the most singular artists, in any country, to have chosen cinema as his ultimate language (before film, he experimented with music, painting, sculpture, Arabic and geology). He had no obvious artistic precursors, and his work is inimitable.

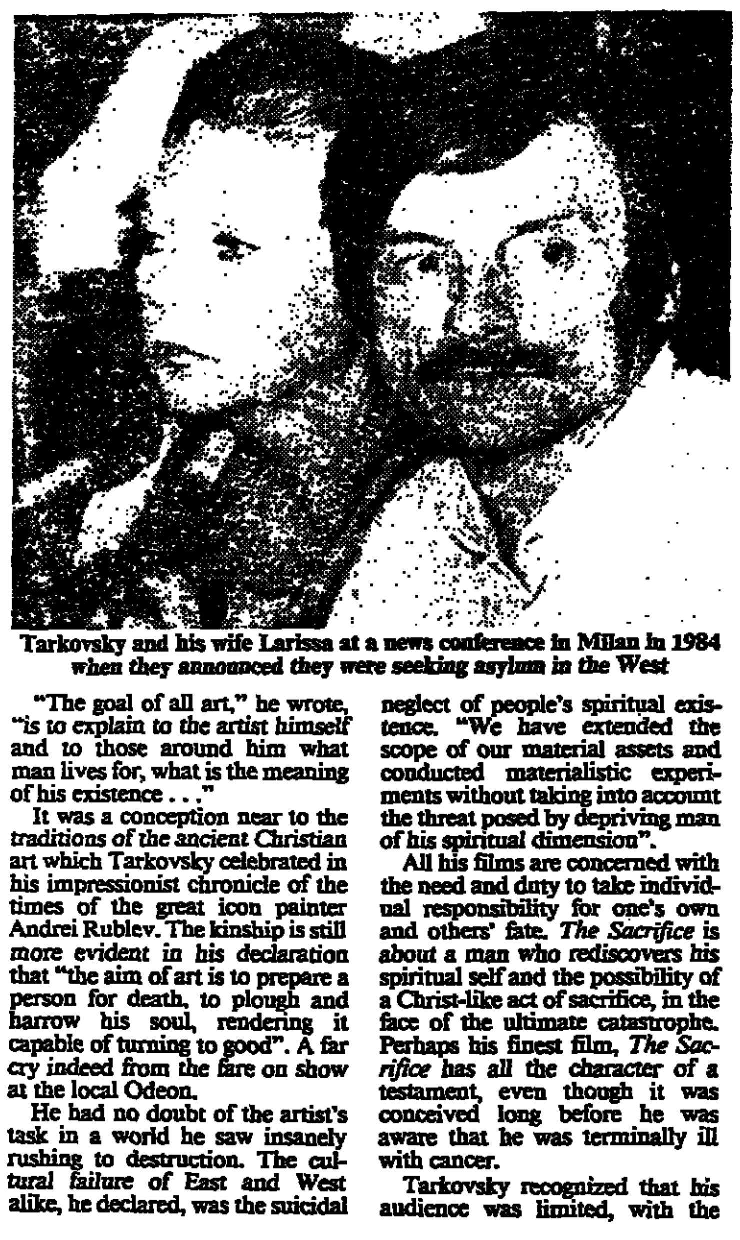
Ingmar Bergman called him "the greatest, the one who invented a new language, true to the nature of film. It captures life as a reflection, life as a dream". A few seconds from any part of any Tarkovsky film is at once unmistakable as his work and no one else's. He created his own world on film, a world which was essentially unchanged whether he was working in his native country or (in his last two films) Italy or Sweden.

The ability to translate a vision so personal and poetic to the screen, without being diverted or deformed by the complex technologies of film making, implies an absolute mastery of the craft; and Tarkovsky was a consummate film-maker, a master of breathtaking images. Genius, he said, implied an artist's ability to follow "his conception, his idea, his principle, so unswervingly that he has this truth of his constantly in his control."

A few months ago Tarkovsky published his reflections on the cinema, a strange, intense, repetitive work which might with profit be substituted for the syllabus of every film school – not because Tarkovsky can be imitated, but because the book is so profound a rationale of the pursuit of the best in art and self.

He called the book *Sculpting in Time* – a phrase that describes the process he conceived as the essence of the film-maker's work. Film is "imprinted time". He saw time – past, present and future – as a continuity, the past never discarded, "like the used stage of a rocket", but continues to exist in our conscious memory. In his films, dreams, memories and actual time all run together into one reality. He wanted to reach his audience through "the stuff of associations, of thought that goes beyond what is stated".

No other film-maker has had a stronger sense of the moral purpose and necessity of art. He wrote about the spiritual and social duties of the artist in terms not much different from The Wanderers – the 19th century Russian society of artist-idealists. Art, he said, acts on the soul, shaping its spiritual structure.



Tarkovsky and his wife Larissa at a news conference in Milan in 1984 *when they announced they were seeking asylum in the West*

"The goal of all art," he wrote, "is to explain to the artist himself and to those around him what man lives for, what is the meaning of his existence . . ."

It was a conception near to the traditions of the ancient Christian art which Tarkovsky celebrated in his impressionist chronicle of the times of the great icon painter Andrei Rublev. The kinship is still more evident in his declaration that "the aim of art is to prepare a person for death, to plough and harrow his soul, rendering it capable of turning to good". A far cry indeed from the fare on show at the local Odeon.

He had no doubt of the artist's task in a world he saw insanely rushing to destruction. The cultural failure of East and West alike, he declared, was the suicidal neglect of people's spiritual existence. "We have extended the scope of our material assets and conducted materialistic experiments without taking into account the threat posed by depriving man of his spiritual dimension".

All his films are concerned with the need and duty to take individual responsibility for one's own and others' fate. *The Sacrifice* is about a man who rediscovers his spiritual self and the possibility of a Christ-like act of sacrifice, in the face of the ultimate catastrophe. Perhaps his finest film, *The Sacrifice* has all the character of a testament, even though it was conceived long before he was aware that he was terminally ill with cancer.

Tarkovsky recognized that his audience was limited, with the great public conditioned to conventional narrative cinema. Even so he remained puzzled by charges of incomprehensibility. Art that works "not by incontrovertible rational argument but through the spiritual energy with which the artist has charged the work" should address everybody, he said. The mistake with a Tarkovsky film, perhaps, is to try to understand: he wanted people to experience and share his poetic impression of the world.

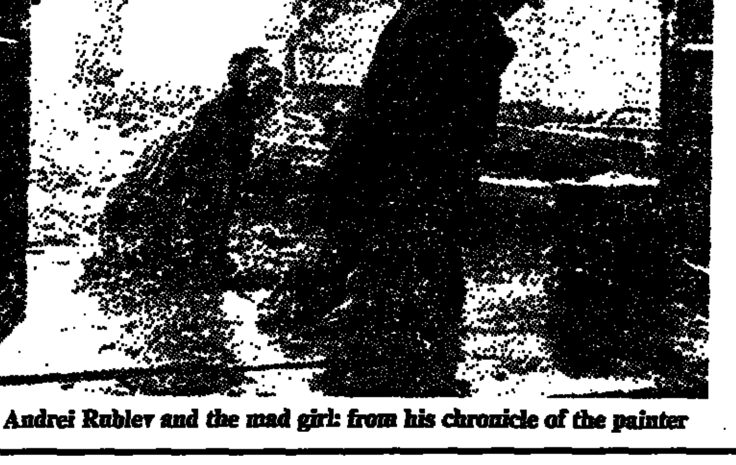
He was even more exasperated when people sought metaphors and symbols in his work, since this was a style of cinema which he abhorred as "vulgar". Repeatedly asked to explain the rain and puddles that appear in film after film, he answered that it signified no more than that it was "typical of the landscape in which I grew up; in Russia you have those long, dreary, persistent rains."

Tarkovsky was above all else a Russian artist, steeped in old Russian Orthodox art, and in the works of Pushkin, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy and not least his own father, the poet Arsenii Tarkovsky. "In all my pictures the theme of roots was always of great importance: links with the family house, childhood, country, Earth. I always felt it important to establish that I myself belong to a particular tradition, culture, circle of people or ideas".

The first film he made outside the Soviet Union, *Nostalgia*, dealt with nostalgia of a peculiarly Russian form and intensity for just such roots. He did not dream then, he later wrote, that until the end of his days he would bear the painful malady within himself. The parting with Russia gave him intense personal anguish, quite apart from the separation from his family. (His son was eventually allowed to join him in Italy, but Tarkovsky was destined never to see his father again).

Sadly, at the very moment of Tarkovsky's death, the cultural atmosphere in the Soviet Union has changed dramatically. The rigid old dogmas are overturned and artistic non-conformism is no longer a disgrace. Tarkovsky's films are now freely shown and openly admired; and he was recently invited to return home with full honours. The greatest irony is that Mr Yermash, the Minister whom he saw as the focus of hostility, announced his resignation on the day Tarkovsky died.

Tarkovsky wrote his own, stern, honourable epitaph: "The only condition of fighting for the right to create is faith in your own vocation, readiness to serve and refusal to compromise."



Andrei Rublev and the mad girl: from his chronicle of the painter

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Peter Brimelow

Fading dreams of empire

New York

"All sail and no anchor." Macaulay's indictment of the American Constitution again seems appropriate when, after six years of scudding along with the irritating serenity of an expert windsurfer, the Reagan administration struggles wildly to avoid complete collapse.

Needless to say, the specific matters at issue in "Irangate" would not in themselves have attracted much attention in Europe. The attempt, possibly ill-advised, to bribe an Iranian faction; the off-the-books financing of an anti-communist insurrection in Nicaragua, which had been and was shortly to be again endorsed by a free vote of Congress – these are hardly impressive compared to the British swallowing the murder by Libyan diplomats of a London policewoman, or the French shrugging off the bombing by their secret service of an environmentalist yacht, complete with unfortunate environmentalist.

What makes such technicalities significant is that they have become the focus of one of Washington's periodic hysterias. These hysterias are dangerous because of the inherent volatility of the American government, whose chief executive – the president – does not necessarily control the legislative branch, as the prime minister does in a parliamentary system. Indeed, once the Democrats won a majority in the Senate in the November elections, an outburst like "Irangate" was only a matter of time. Unlike Britain or Canada, the US cannot easily be dominated by one political clique.

However, the more serious question about the current imbroglio affects all democracies. Enoch Powell once said that he entered politics to save the British Empire in India, then fought to retain an "Empire of position" – the Suez base and its worldwide corollaries – and finally concluded that empires of any sort are incompatible with an open society. The necessary ruthlessness and will, as demonstrated by the Russians in Afghanistan, simply cannot be sustained. America's "empire of position," its world power, was developed when its costs were barely felt at home. Will it prove equally unsustainable?

Significantly, this question has been troubling the conservative intellectuals who played a key role in President Reagan's electoral triumphs. Quietly, and despite all Reagan's apparent successes, they have been concluding that the answer is yes.

"Playing the Soviet game with American institutions and attitudes makes as much sense as playing the American game with Soviet institutions," writes Professor Melvyn Krauss in his recently-published *How Nato Weakens the West*. Using economic rather than political concepts, Krauss treats the defence of Western Europe as a "public good" – the term economists use to describe something from which everyone benefits, regardless of whether they have contributed. By guaranteeing the defence of the European allies long after their combined economies have outweighed that of the Soviet Union, the US has made it possible for them to neglect defence and spend money on vote-buying welfare programmes. It has also enabled them to subsidize trade with the Soviet Union under the guise of "detente", since strengthening the Soviet Union causes problems for American taxpayers, not their own.

Krauss cites estimates that $134 billion, more than half the US annual defence budget, goes on Nato. By contrast, he points out, President Carter's national security chief, Zbigniew Brzezinski, has said that a Strategic Defence shield capable of almost completely insulating the US from a Soviet first strike could be deployed by the early 1990s for a total cost of $60 billion.

Krauss's Europhile credentials are impeccable. He taught for years in Italy; his wife is Dutch; even his hobby, distinctly un-middle American, is opera. Unlike many Americans he does not think Europe is hopelessly degenerate. The Falklands war, he says, and Italy's suppression of the Red Brigades, show that Europe has the will to defend itself, if it has to. He just thinks that defence can be more efficiently, and more equitably, obtained.

A US withdrawal from Nato, however, would mean relinquishing the detailed control that detailed responsibility brings. Are the Americans prepared to countenance Suez expeditions by allies who feel their particular interests threatened? Above all, are they prepared to reawaken Germany? Professor Krauss says he is. But some of his countrymen will find this distasteful.

But Americans find a lot of things distasteful. The plain fact is that they are not an imperial people – are not, in fact, much interested in the world at all, except as something to make record-breaking aeroplane flights around. Like the British, the Americans acquired their empire "in a fit of absence of mind"; unlike the British, their geopolitical base is large enough to fall back on safely. Isolationism is the Americans' natural grand strategy. Whether they use left-wing or right-wing rationales, they will inevitably return to it in the end.

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Kenneth Minogue calls for one law for all, not representation by racial group

Do we really want political apartheid?

Politics is like an iceberg: what is below the waterline is no less significant than what is above. Great issues agitate the minds of the public and sometimes produce visible change, but all the time other things are happening beneath the surface of awareness which are not noticed until we finally realize that something portentous has happened.

Machiavelli compares this kind of change to fevers, which doctors say that at their beginning are initially easy to cure but difficult to recognize, but in time become easy to recognize but difficult to cure.

One such change can be summed up by the now common phrase: "Britain is a multiracial society". In one sense, this is an innocuous observation about the facts detailed last week in the *Labour Force Survey 1986*, prepared by the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

We might perhaps demur at the idea that ethnic plurality is anything very new in a country which has been populated since prehistoric times by successive waves of immigrants. But we should also have to recognize that, in colour and culture, the latest immigration has created a situation somewhat different. Today a danger is presented in demands that the racial composition of the population should be mirrored in the racial composition of our legal and governing institutions.

This doctrine is sometimes advanced by ambitious members of ideological groups – and whether those groups are based on ethnicity, class or gender makes no difference to the point at issue. It must be corrected by the recognition that, constitutionally, Britain is not in the least a multi-racial society. It is, rather, a *civil* society – a set of people associated in no other essential way than their subjection to British law; with insignificant exceptions, all citizens enjoy the same basic rights, and all of Britain is open to them to work and to live in.

It is true that this principle is not entirely effective in Northern Ireland; and it is also true that race and sex have been accorded some element of official recognition in commissions set up to foster equality. Beyond that, however, if more Welsh live in Wales, that is merely a result of history, and if more Jews live in Golders Green than in other parts of London, that is merely a private inclination.

The very fact that Britain is a civil society is the reason that recent immigrants chose to live here. Immigration patterns in the 20th century have largely been movements away from either communist, or else relatively communalist, states towards civil societies such as those of Europe, the United States, or Hong Kong. The reason is that all communist states are oppressive, and states where communal allegiances are dominant usually block the desire of individuals to make the most of themselves. Sometimes it may be that they cannot live in terms of the religion they prefer; perhaps more commonly it is a desire to make more money. But whatever the aspiration, it is only in civil societies that the appropriate opportunities are to be found.

Civil societies, based as they are on the practices of freedom, are rare and sophisticated outcomes of modern history. It takes a highly developed taste to enjoy living among people of different colours, religions and preferences; bookish cosmopolitans, such as any likely reader of this piece, may enjoy plurality, but many people find it confusing and offensive. It is certainly the case – Cyprus, Punjab, Northern Ireland – that inter-communal trouble results in people scurrying back to those of their own kind. Most people prefer to live separately; they value apartness, or as it is commonly known these days, apartheid.

We are, of course, accustomed to throw up our hands in abhorrence at the very mention of apartheid, but this is because most people do not think of South Africa in a Third World context. What is evidently objectionable about South Africa's system of government is that the form of separation found there is dominated by the white minority, with the result that colour determines opportunity. South Africa thus violates what anyone who understands a civil society regards as the just possibilities of advancement in a decent society. But so far as the actual fact of apartness is concerned, a kind of informal apartheid would seem largely to correspond to the inclinations of most of the human race.

These homogeneous enclaves, all over the world, are often very unpleasant places indeed, but most people seem to think: be it ever so tyrannical, there's no place like home.

Such corporative racial separation is obviously neither possible nor desirable in Britain. It is true, of course, that immigrants often huddle together for support in their early years, as the Jews mostly settled in the East End around the turn of the century, and as West Indians now do in Brixton or Notting Hill.

But these are social agglomerations of people who have chosen to live in the same area; in a healthy civil society, one would expect them to diminish over the generations. Above all, they are of no constitutional significance. They are, however, extremely tempting to politicians hoping to exercise political influence. And, as a matter of practical reality, it is clear that some members of an immigrant community might prefer to vote for one of their own kind than for someone else, however much they might approve of the outsider's policies. But the vital point is that British constitutional arrangements offer no purchase for anyone who represents any particular race in the House of Commons.

British political life is based on the territorial unit of the constituency, which designedly consists of a collection of people varying in race, age, sex, occupation, class, wealth and everything else. It is not merely that this untidy miscellany of elements is a messy survival from less scientific times. Constituencies merely mirror political parties in being loose aggregations of interests and principles, elements whose unity must constantly be sustained by public discussion.

The representative element in British politics is thus, happily, limited by the heterogeneous character of the only entities – parties and constituencies – which can be represented.

It is sometimes the case that the people called "local community leaders" are consulted in special situations, but it is unthinkable that such private roles should be accorded the constitutional significance they would have under any version of apartheid.

Public discussion is always at the mercy of small shifts of vocabulary, and recent usages have obscured this point. The relevant shift here is the tendency to speak of a constituency as if it were a following. Political leaders who cautiously advance a policy to see what support it will get are sometimes described as "fishing a constituency", but a collection of supporters is precisely what a constituency is not.

The participation in politics of members of all groups in Britain is a welcome development because it is a sign that the various cultures are responding to the opportunities available. It would be a similarly welcome sign if more lawyers and judges came from these groups – but only on the strict condition that such appointments resulted from legal skill.

Clearly, every MP elected to the next parliament can represent only his party and constituency, not the race to which he belongs. But, just as some members of the Labour Party have sought to set up "black sections," so some Labour candidates have envisaged setting up a black caucus in the Commons.

There is nothing, of course, to prevent any kind of private association such members might choose, but if they should claim to represent their own race rather than the constituencies for which they have been elected, then they would be moving towards the absurd position that it would only make sense for each race to vote for its own kind. It would amount to the substitution of "the race struggle" for party contention, analogous to the way communists have sought to plant something called "the class struggle" in the unpromising soil of the British constitution.

It is true that what I have argued against might be explicitly argued *for* as something more suited to contemporary racial Britain than the inherited system; but I doubt it. Its implications are horrendous. For one thing, it would amount to an argument for the introduction of apartheid into Britain. For another, it would imply that immigrants in this country are aliens who have forced their way in, taken over a chunk of territory and set themselves up as an autonomous corporation to negotiate public business with the longer-standing inhabitants.

In bygone days, we used to laugh at the whimsicality of *Passport to Pimlico*. There is a fashion for remaking old movies these days, but I doubt if anyone would seriously want to remake it as a horror film.

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Philip Howard

Star of India shines again

In the High and Far-Off Times, O Best Beloved, when the Old Queen was on the throne, a boy was born in Bombay. His father was the author and illustrator of *Beast and Man in India*; his mother was sister-in-law of Burne-Jones. When he was six the boy and his younger sister were sent to boarding school at Southsea, the House of Desolation, which he hated. Then he went to the United Services College, Westward Ho!, where he had a better time. He was a sensitive, clever child; a watcher and a loner, whose shortsighted eyes took in everything.

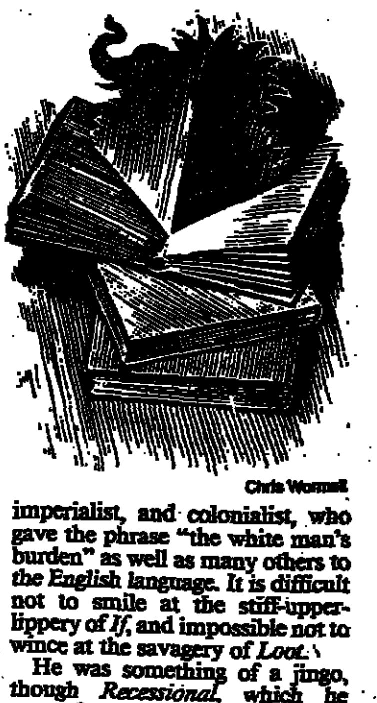
After school he went back to the home of Anglo-Indians, and started work as a journalist. He was good at it. He had a knack of getting on with all sorts and conditions, all castes and colours of men, and a gift for catching their speech. The newspapers and the Indian Railway Library began to publish his poems and short stories. They told the story of the British Raj as it really was for the first time. Literary critics praised them for their cynical realism.

When he came to London, at the high noon of the Victorian Empire, he became an instant literary lion in a country where every family had somebody serving in India. The hack became the unofficial Poet Laureate of the empire, and was the last English poet to be widely read by the Man on the Clapham Omnibus and the private soldier in the barrack-room bunk.

Rudyard Kipling died in 1936, fifty years ago. This is bad news for the National Trust, which has enjoyed the revenue from his copyright for the past ten years. It is good news for publishers, because his books are now out of copyright. A tidal wave of Rudyardism is about to sweep over the land. The publishers will not cease from Kipling until they have extracted the last drop of juice from him.

All the books are being recycled by rival houses. There are selections and handsomely illustrated editions, and, I dare say, Rudyard Kipling Pop-Up Jogging Books. It will be interesting to see what the new generations, who know the *Jungle Books* only through the Walt Disney romping travesty, make of the old fellow. It is, as the publishers say when they have a lot of books to flog, time for a reassessment.

The end of the empire, and the guilt that replaced the pride, and the world wars that destroyed so much, including Kipling's son John, whose body was never found after the Battle of Loos, dimmed his reputation. Kipling was a great many things that are unfashionable and repugnant in 1986. He was an enthusiastic imperialist, and colonialist, who gave the phrase "the white man's burden" as well as many others to the English language. It is difficult not to smile at the stiff-upper-lippery of *If*, and impossible not to wince at the savagery of *Loot*.



Chris Wormell

He was something of a jingo, though *Recessional*, which he wrote for Jubilee Day in 1897, is by no means a triumphant blast of the trumpet. His transcriptions of demotic speech seem patronizing and elitist. Politically he was what today would be called somewhat to the right of Genghis Khan or Ronald Butt.

And yet, and yet: he was jolly good. He was the last British writer who managed to write about all conditions of men across the British class system, and quite often get it right. He had a reporter's beady eye for detail, so that with a few trivial nuts and bolts he could get his message across. His verse has the strong rhyme and rhythm of ballads and hymns, a tendency that he shared with his fan, Lord Beaverbrook, whose journalism had an Old Testament ring.

He was our greatest short story writer; his children's books are marvellous. But beneath the humour and the technical brilliance, Kipling had a deeply pessimistic view of the world. He was a great and sensitive reporter: we could use a few journos like him today. So I propose to lie back and enjoy the hype. I shall start with *Kim*, I think. No: *Jungle Book*, *Puck of Pook's Hill*, and then *Kim*.

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A SCHOOLS MANIFESTO

Earlier this week a group of men and women closely concerned with education, in schools, universities and politics issued a challenging pamphlet under the title "Whose Schools? — A Radical Manifesto." Its timing is well chosen since the structure of the schools system will be a topic of major interest in the forthcoming election.

The authors have already been stigmatised as "right-wing" which, as Herbert Spencer pointed out a hundred years ago, is a description designed to ensure that nothing they say need ever be listened to again. Yet that has not deterred an endorsement of their general analysis (with individual reservations on detailed points) by a distinguished roster, including Lord Quinton, President of Trinity College, Oxford, Mr Eric Anderson, Head Master of Eton, Professor Raymond Carr, Warden of St Anthony's College, Mr Lawrence Norcross and Mr Anthony Pelligrini, the headmasters of Highbury Grove and Cardinal Vaughan schools respectively, and Ms Pauline Mathias, the headmistress of Moor House school. And, indeed, the premises underlying "Whose Schools?" can expect wider agreement today than for many years.

For the authors are broadly correct in their assertion that, since the establishment of the comprehensive system, the public sector schools have lost ground by comparison both with independent schools and with our overseas competitors. They quote, for instance, the National Institute of Economic and Social Research to show that 30 per cent of German 16-year olds have the equivalent of 0-level passes in at least four core subjects compared with 12 per cent of children in England.

They rightly conclude that much of the trouble lies in the dominance of politicised Local Education Authorities. These can dictate school policy and, as we have seen in recent weeks, even colonise schools with those of whom they approve politically. "Whose Schools?" argues that the schools should be taken away from the ownership of LEAs, and that there should be a period of open debate in which new and more free schools should have a chance to win public confidence. In this view the authors are supported by much educational opinion — apparently including the Secretary of State, though not (unsurprisingly) the Tory-controlled LEAs.

But what structure should succeed LEA control? The contributors argue that eventually all schools should be wholly owned and run by individual trusts; that the constitution of each school should initially be chosen by the parents; and that they (with benefactors) might initially elect the school boards. To ensure at least an approach to national uniformity, the Secretary of State could indicate model constitutions, which would provide for the representation of parents, teachers, churches, mosques, local employers and benefactors.

Mr Kenneth Baker seems at present to be thinking along slightly more centralised lines. Such an approach might dictate a uniform national contitution for schools, and the revival of something like the old elected school boards to a national pattern — but with provision for some kind of parent representation and ex-officio nomination. There might then be a national education trust or board, overseeing the independent local boards (which would *not* be dominated by politicians) to which the largely independent school governing bodies would be responsible.

Much debate will be needed before decisions on a new educational structure can be reached. But most of the principles that should underlie it will be found in this pamphlet — namely, that responsibility for what is taught should be taken from political agencies and given back to heads and teachers; that schools should be self-governing and responsive to parents, but offer a national core curriculum; that parents should have the right to take their children elsewhere if dissatisfied; and that the survival of a school should depend on its ability to satisfy its customers, children and their parents.

It is those last two requirements which are crucial to the success of any new structure whether centralised or decentralised, various or uniform. For only parents have the incentive to maintain an insistent pressure on both the school authorities and the teachers in favour of high educational standards. And only if they have the power to take their custom elsewhere will they be able to make that pressure truly effective.

Parental choice is the only genuine "parent power" and there is no administrative substitute for it. That is something to which the present government should not fear to address its mind, for plainly no other political party is prepared to do so.

THE LONG SHORT MARCH

As Long Marches go it was quite a short one, a bare nine miles from Peking University to Tiananmen Square. But the fact that they made it at all was quite remarkable, just a decade since the death of Mao Tse-Tung. Moreover, it raises the question of how far China's students want to go and at how fast a pace along the road to change.

About the direction in which they are seeking to propel the country's leaders there can be no real doubt. While the demonstrations which have swept through several cities in the People's Republic conceal a number of disparate forces, the majority were professedly in support of, not against, the prevailing reformist trend. After seven years of reforms in the PRC, Chinese students — many of whom have had their eyes opened by the outside world — are greedy for more.

But how much more — and how quickly?. In the past two weeks the authorities in China have shown towards the students a tolerance which would have been unthinkable ten years ago. Police have largely avoided using force, keeping their batons sheathed and their tempers cool, in the interests of damage limitation — behaving, indeed, more sensibly than police in a number of Western countries might have done. Many of China's leaders won their political spurs as students and understand the power they represent.

They must also perceive that a culture gap exists between these students and the working population. The students are demanding more democracy, more freedom of thought and greater room for self-expression. But these concepts may have less meaning for the factory worker, who is likely to be more concerned with rising prices and weekly pay. Had the students used these smouldering issues to inflame the faithful in Peking, the authorities might not have been so relaxed. As it is, the Chinese working man has got on his bike and carried on — while presumably wondering what the fuss is all about.

The Cultural Revolution of the late 1960s amd early 1970s has also made the Chinese masses wary of student-led protest. They might well perceive that this time things are different. But their faith in the judgement of student politicians has been shaken for at least a generation. In its daily struggle with economic reality, the average Chinese family would prefer to put its trust in the present crop of older men. They want peace, stability, and security — not another flood of ideology. It is this gulf in understanding which enables the Chinese leadership to deal with the student movement with such patience.

The events of the last two weeks can still be viewed, however, as a contest of wills. As long as the protests confirm the popularity of liberalization policies, Deng Xiao-Ping and those close to him can draw some strength from them. But if they should spread — and start to pose a threat to the stability of Chinese life, the effect could go into reverse, enabling party diehards in Peking to say "we told you so." In that case, the authorities would be almost certain to act swiftly and repressively.

The danger, in other words, is that by pushing their luck too far the students risk damaging their cause. They represent a generation which is more travelled and worldly-wise than perhaps any in China's history. Thousands of young people, returning to the PRC from the Western democracies, are impatient for change. They have already given warning that they are not finished yet.

But student-led movements tend to behave like a blunt instrument, battering away at a brick wall which might sometimes crumble and sometimes not — depending on its strength and state of repair. There is no sign that China's rulers, who know a great deal about building walls, are likely to give way so easily. For the current student movement to be effective, it needs a leader of some genius to direct it. Otherwise the movement will either peter out or eventually prompt the very forces of liberalisation which it supports to act against its members. One must hope that the students can see this for themselves.

FOURTH LEADER

We reported the other day that, once again, all is not well in the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra (Herbert von Karajan, prop). The principal horn, Herr Gerd Siefert, has been accused of, among other offences, "deliberately playing wrong notes".

Those who have ever tried to master that sonorous but recalcitrant instrument will know how difficult it is to play a right note deliberately, let alone a wrong one. But the incident opens up an extensive vista; it is not too much to say that a new era has dawned in the field of industrial relations.

Hitherto, if disgruntled orchestral musicians wanted to go on strike, they presumably walked out in a body; the tuba, bringing up the rear, might have gone so far as to play a rude tune, but the principle of strike action — a collective down-tools by the strikers — was sacrosanct.

Now, however, an awesome new weapon has been forged; the orchestra stays put, but when the conductor brings down his baton to signal the start of, say, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, what he gets is a cacophony of aleatoric noises. Alternatively, the players could stick to close harmony, but simply start playing the wrong work; better still, some could be playing one symphony and the rest another — the possibilities are endless.

But if that is true of the concert-hall, think what could happen in the opera-house. Suppose the soprano is dissatisfied with the size of her name on the posters; the management would be brought to their knees instantly if, in the last Act of *La Traviata*, she were to greet Alfredo with a beaming smile and a cry of "I'm feeling ever so much better". Or what about a Tosca who refuses to stab Scarpia, and indeed goes off arm-in-arm with him, singing *Tea For Two*?

This idea could be extended to the theatre. Take the temptation-scene in *Othello*; suppose, at the end of Iago's insinuations, Othello were to roar with laughter and say "I don't believe a word of it". Or imagine Falstaff in the Boar's Head scene, saying "Perrier, please, I've signed the pledge". Or a Macbeth who, when his grim consort suggests murdering Duncan, promptly dials 999 and gives her in charge.

What next? Boxers who refuse to hit one another, ship's captains who, bound for Valparaiso, go to Southend instead, MPs who refuse to say a word, station announcers who insist that the next stop after Basingstoke is Khartoum, postmen who deliver all the letters to the wrong addresses — chaos is come again.

We beg Herr von Karajan to make up the quarrel with his dissonant dissident as quickly as possible. Once this thing catches on, there will be no stopping it, and before we know where we are, Father Christmas will be bringing nothing to all the good children, and lavish presents to the naughty ones. Fortunately, journalists are far above such behaviour, otherwise we might fear that the paper would start to be full of misp:xqz?8; **)£mnzshrdlu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Power, politics and the honours list

From Sir John Colville

Sir, Mr John Grigg is a talented cook, but he sometimes over-eggs his puddings. His article (December 27) about the honours list was unpalatably over-egged. Having spent many weary hours on honours committees which were trying to assess the value of the recommendations before them, I have a number of comments to make on Mr Grigg's article.

1. None of the three Prime Ministers I served regarded the honours list as a major source of patronage. Though giving attention to a few of the top honours, they did not amend the main part of the list presented to them before sending it, first as an informal submission, to the Sovereign for such comments as he or she might choose to make.

2. The so-called "Prime Minister's list" was composed of names sent directly to 10 Downing Street by lords lieutenant of counties and others, and was not considered by the Prime Minister separately.

3. By far the largest number of honours were and are given for public and local non-political services. They were sifted by the main honours committee composed mainly of permanent under-secretaries who were briefed beforehand on the names submitted to and by their respective departments. There was, and doubtless still is, a small expert committee to advise on awards for the arts and literature.

4. The political honours list, entirely separate from the remainder, amounted to less than 5 per cent of the whole. It was submitted to the Prime Minister by the Chief Whip and no officials were concerned with it.

5. There was a hard-working, well-informed office, headed in days gone by Sir Robert Knox. It vetted all the non-political recommendations, including those received from the general public, and gave meticulous attention to claims for the lesser awards. It performed its task more efficiently than could the vague commission of Privy Councillors proposed by Mr Grigg, which would probably be notable for its collective ignorance and bored by MBEs.

6. I never once scented a trace of financial corruption.

7. The Political Honours Scrutiny Committee, established in consequence of Lloyd George's notorious "honours scandal", always examined recommendations for peerages with close attention. Winston Churchill wanted to recommend for an earldom Lord Nuffield who, in addition to being a great industrialist, had dispersed almost his whole vast fortune in charitable gifts and foundations.

The scrutiny committee, delving into past records, found that some 30 years previously Nuffield had given £20,000 to the Conservative Party. This was a minute percentage of his total benefactions, but the committee insisted that his earldom should be described as being for political as well as for public services. So Lord Nuffield declined the earldom.

8. Distinct categories for the Armed Forces and the diplomatic service are both traditional and logical. Awards for services to education, health, industry and so on are clearly indicated in the general list.

9. The Garter, the Thistle and, in its day, the order of St Patrick were once the most political of all awards. Mr Attlee's request to King George VI to make such appointments without submissions from 10 Downing Street healthily changed the character of these most illustrious of all orders of chivalry and restored merit where, according to Lord Melbourne, there was formerly none.

Whatever Mr Grigg may believe, I doubt whether the honours system today differs greatly from that which operated under Chamberlain, Churchill and Attlee; and I am sure it is in no way corrupt.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN COLVILLE,
The Close,
Broughton,
nr Stockbridge, Hampshire.
December 28.

From Mr A. K. Russell

Sir, John Grigg's call (December 27) for a root and branch reform of the honours system deserves the support of all thinking people. So does his call for the whole complex subject to be examined by a special committee. But if the exercise is not to become yet another piece of British self-deception, it really is essential that this committee is given a clear brief to which to work.

This might — I suggest — take the form of the following basic principles:

1. The de-linking of honours from the constitution of the second Chamber (whatever their mode of selection, let the members of this Chamber be quite simply Lords of Parliament — LPs).

2. The establishment of excellence of effort and/or achievement as the sole criterion for awards — with a consequent reduction in numbers, from thousands to hundreds.

3. The design of a system that is simple, comprehensive and transparent — i.e., that is based on a small number of orders, ensures a rough parity of numbers and esteem between *all* main walks of life and operates as far as possible on the basis of dispassionate advice.

4. The setting aside, as a deliberate act of social policy, of all titles/handles which have the effect of turning the recognition of personal or professional excellence into life-long social differentiation.

In order that the whole matter is not left solely in the hands of the parties and politicians, I further suggest that an all-party campaign be mounted to refine the criteria to be followed and to monitor and ensure their implementation.

A. K. RUSSELL,
Lincoln College,
Oxford.
December 30.

South Africa TV ban

From Mr Marius Goring

Sir, You reported on August 5 last that an instruction issued by British Equity (a non-party-political, non-sectarian union) forbidding its members to appear in South Africa had been declared *ultra vires* and void.

Since the 1950s a large majority of the membership has abhorred a policy which forced them to perform before segregated audiences, but now, thanks to efforts of South African theatre management and refusals from many British actors to appear under such conditions, evidence could be laid before the High Court that segregation in theatres has ceased to exist for the past five years. Therefore, the purpose of the instruction was found to be not a professional but a sectarian one — to take part in a cultural boycott.

For technical reasons the propriety of Equity's ban on radio, television and film performances of its members was not raised in court, but indisputable evidence was laid before the Equity council last November by Mr Michael Denison that similar segregation in South African cinemas terminated three years ago.

A suggestion was made that British television producers might discriminate against black Equity members to placate South African institutions. Should any producer have the temerity to take such action, not only would the wrath of Equity and film and television producers' associations fall on his head, but also the law of the land.

The proposition can be safely relegated to that dim region in which, as the Vice-Chancellor said in his judgement,

> Activities undertaken for the purpose of advancing a party-political or sectarian viewpoint are not authorised just because an ingenious mind can find ways in which they might advance the interests of the members in the remotest degree.

Many members consider Equity's ban on television performances as foolish as the South African Government's on the free distribution of news; both bring darkness and silence. May Equity's council's first action in the new year be to lift this unholy ban, not only because it is clearly *ultra vires* — it also closes channels through which members could express their personal hatred of racialism and intolerance.

Yours etc,
MARIUS GORING,
Middle Court,
Hampton Court, Surrey.
December 29.

The evil that men do

From Sir Kenneth Dover, FBA

Sir, In his strong reaction against Dr Beckerman's piece (December 17) on the determinants of good and bad behaviour, Mr Oswald (December 24) asks why "human beings *feel* responsible for their actions".

If he means, "Why do I feel, at the moment of choosing, that my choice is not completely determined by the totality of my experience up to that moment, in combination with my genetic inheritance?", one obvious answer is that since we cannot conceivably be aware of more than a tiny fraction of the determinants of our choice, we can hardly help feeling "free". Another is that we are programmed to have this recurrent feeling, as a distinctive feature of our species, and that some of us are programmed to have it more often and more intensely than others.

When I have the experience which I call "choosing", I certainly feel quite free so long as the alternatives are trivial; the more momentous the issue, the more inclined I am to feel that my choice is determined; and when I reflect at leisure on my past choices, this inclination approximates to a feeling of certainty.

Perhaps this makes me a psychopath, in Mr Oswald's terms; but since I define a psychopath as someone who lacks the impulses to love and self-denial which are a notable feature of our species, I have no anxieties on that score. Anyway, why are some people psychopaths and others not? Does a baby wake up one day in its cot and say, "I hereby choose to be a psychopath"?

Canon Dunlop (December 24), in criticising Dr Beckerman for falling into a "well known trap", seems to imply that a proposition is invalidated if it is uttered by someone who was programmed to utter it. This is hard on problem-solving computers.

Anti-determinists regularly, and determinists sometimes, speak as if extraordinary and far-reaching moral consequences necessarily follow from acknowledgement of determinism. I wish they would consider more seriously the possibility that — whatever the consequences for religion, which is a different matter — no significant changes at all need follow in respect of our moral responses or, for all practical purposes, our ways of dealing with wrongdoing.

Yours faithfully,
K.J. DOVER,
49 Hepburn Gardens,
St Andrews, Fife.

Lessons of rail strike in France

From Mr Stevenson Pugh

Sir, Because the rail strike in France has happened at a peak holiday period it may well be remembered as the event which finally burst the railway "Chunnel" bubble. It has drawn the attention of a much wider audience than the long-suffering French to the poverty of public transport in France and to the reason why it is so: no trains, *ergo* few buses and disrupted city transport and internal air services.

Few buses because few exist except as subsidiaries of the State railway monopoly or as licensees by its grace and favour; disrupted city and air transport because of the overbearing industrial muscle of the French railway workforce.

It is true that entrepreneurial road transport within France and across her borders breaks the ring, thanks to irresistible international economic forces. But those same forces also direct international investments and it is hard to believe that once the wide world wakes up to the true nature of the problem in France anyone will want to back a project which invites trucks to ride on rails.

The first round of investment in the rail tunnel last autumn was reluctantly subscribed; the second must now be won in the face of the realization that a rail-based link cannot be considered commercially acceptable, financially viable, or offer a reliable public service unless it is totally divorced from the railway monopoly. The politicians have put a firm fix on the unhappy marriage but they have not put up the dowry. Can it ever come off?

Yours faithfully,
STEVENSON PUGH,
Docton Mill,
Hartland, Devon.
December 30.

Aids as a moral issue

From the Bishop of Birmingham

Sir, The Chairman of the Islington Health Authority (December 27) takes me to task for saying to a reporter: "We are advocating chastity not because we are moralising but for practical prevention."

Of course the Church has always and will always believe in chastity; but it would have been hypocritical not to admit the motive of practical prevention when advocating chastity in evidence submitted to a Commons select committee about Aids.

The matter goes deeper. Moralising very seldom changes people's lifestyle. That comes about partly through fear, but mostly through accepting the superiority of an alternative lifestyle. The Church's prime task is not preaching morality, but persuading people that the Christian lifestyle (which includes chastity) is intrinsically preferable.

Yours faithfully,
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(Chairman, Board for Social Responsibility of the Church of England),
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Birmingham.
December 30.

Senior doctors

From Mr Dick Greenwood

Sir, Mr Shepherd and his colleagues (December 27) have raised an issue of which the public at large is unaware — i.e., the commitment of consultants to their patients. Successive governments of both hues are oblivious; the DHSS and Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body indifferent, and the medical profession itself ambivalent.

Most people are aware of the long hours of work expected of junior hospital doctors. Few, however, realise that their seniors (who once were juniors themselves) are also "on call" and have to be available — and in particular responsible — at least 24 of every 48 hours. Naturally the brunt falls on the acute specialities in peripheral non-teaching centres. Mr Shepherd is at the sharp end.

The only solution, consultant expansion and early retirement, is tantalisingly on offer in the DHSS/Joint Consultants Committee package, "Achieving a Balance". Unfortunately this has financial implications and the Government's current priority — publicity against a self-inflicted disease — clearly lies elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,
DICK GREENWOOD
(Consultant Surgeon),
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Groby Road,
Leicester.
December 30.

Human face of law

From Mr John Arkell

Sir, Ludovic Kennedy (December 22) suggests that judges should abandon their wigs. I am not so sure.

We did without them in the National Industrial Relations Court, of which I was a lay member throughout, where conciliation was successful largely through Sir John Donaldson's creation of the right atmosphere.

Generally speaking, however, I believe uniform, whether the traditional wig, the policeman's uniform or those of the Services, lends an essential element of dignity and authority and will continue to do so until we are all better educated, more truthful, and more mature.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ARKELL,
Pinnocks,
Fawley Bottom,
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.
December 23.

ON THIS DAY

JANUARY 3 1905

Port Arthur, on the Manchurian coast and ice-free all the year, was much sought after by its neighbours. It had been acquired by the Russians from the Chinese and when the Russo-Japanese war broke out in 1904 had become a seemingly impregnable fortress. By the Treaty of Portsmouth (1905) which ended the war the Japanese took possession. In 1945 the port came under Soviet-Chinese control, and 10 years later the Chinese gained full control. It is now called Lu-shun.

FALL OF PORT ARTHUR.

JAPANESE CONDITIONS ACCEPTED.

FORTS AND SHIPS BLOWN UP.

MIKADO'S TRIBUTE TO GENERAL STÖSSEL.

The following telegrams, dated Tokio, January 2, have been received at the Japanese Legation:—

(1) The Port Arthur besieging army reports that a letter from General Stössel proposing surrender was received at 9p.m. on January 1.

(2) General Nogi reports as follows:—

"General Stössel's proposal was accepted.

"Terms and process of surrender are to be negotiated between respective delegates at noon on January 2.

"Marshal Yamagata telegraphed to General Nogi under Imperial command that his Majesty, appreciating self-sacrifice and devotion which General Stössel fully displayed for cause of his fatherland, desires that due honour of soldier shall be accorded him."

(3) General Nogi reports as follows:—

"Tungkeekwanshan and Ma (?Q) Forts were blown up on Monday at 12.30a.m. by the enemies themselves, who evacuated therefrom.

"We occupied forts and heights N and M southward thereof.

"Almost all Russian ships in harbour and harbour entrance were blown up on Monday morning by the enemies themselves.

"Our operations have been suspended since the same morning, pending the conclusion of negotiations for surrender."

(4) Negotiations concerning conditions for surrender were brought to conclusion at 4p.m. on January 2.

Conditions proposed by General Nogi were accepted ...

SUFFERINGS OF THE GARRISON.

CHIFU, Jan. 1

Copies of the Port Arthur journal *Novy Krai* for December 24 and 25 have reached here. The two numbers are full of pathetic allusions to the terrible state of the besieged town. For the first time since the siege began, the journal, whose sole aim has seemingly been to inspirit the garrison, betrays the knowledge of the hopelessness of even the most heroic resistance.

Discussing the capture of 203 Mètre Hill, it speaks of "the Hill's breast being hammered by 800lb. shells, which split even rocks and went through 18in. steel like paper." "Who but Providence can save us from these thunderbolts?" it asks in despair, adding:— "We do not look for relief, but we can fight till the death. What Port Arthur goes through it is impossible to describe, but Russia will know what her sons have suffered, and yet it is past the power of human genius to paint or describe Port Arthur's sufferings as they really are." The fight for 203 Mètre Hill, according to the *Novy Krai*, lasted 16 days, until December 6, when "death, who had not rested for 16 days, ceased his work". Speaking of the fleet, the journal refers to the feeling of helplessness with which every one recognized the inevitable end as ship after ship succumbed to the huge Japanese shells.

The journal states that the conference which M. Palashoff, the Imperial Huntsman, as General Stössel's representative, had with the Japanese leaders with reference to the protection of the hospitals from shells had for result that the Red Cross flags were made larger and the Red Cross was painted on the sides of the hospitals.

January 2.

There are 15,000 sick and wounded at Port Arthur, while 5,000 able-bodied men and convalescents are manning the forts. Port Arthur is invariably described by the Russians who have arrived here as a living hell. The hospitals, they say, have nearly all been destroyed.

Slightly off

From Mr J. G. Stocks

Sir, I write to defend the mature middle-aged. Dr V. P. Geoghegan's letter of December 27 describes himself as "well past his sell-by date". His children may believe this but my parents and many other mature middle-aged are certainly still in the "best before" category!

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN STOCKS,
The Old Rectory,
West Bagborough,
Taunton, Somerset.
December 28.

From the Reverend Canon J. P. S. Morton

Sir, Even worse than Dr Geoghegan's family description is being told by a salesman, as I have been on several occasions: "It will see you out."

When it is a new carpet it is not so bad, but when it is a third-hand car it is surely terminal indeed.

J. P. S. MORTON,
35 Gretton Road,
Winchcombe,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
December 29.

SOCIAL NEWS

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the Burdett Matchbox Community Centre, Burdett Estate, Wallwood Street, E14, on March 2.

Princess Anne will attend the spring luncheon of the City of London Police Senior Officers' Dining Club on March 2 at the McMorran Hall, Wood Street Police Office, EC2.

Princess Anne will visit the International Lowlanders Cross Country Ski championships at Isny, Bavaria, from March 2 to 4.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will preside at a dinner in Senate House, Malet Street, WC1, on March 4, for major benefactors and fund raisers.

Princess Anne will attend a dinner given by the Royal Cruising Club at the Naval and Military Club on March 5.

Princess Anne, Patron of the All England Women's Lacrosse Association, will attend a match against Scotland at the Queen's Park Rangers Football Club on March 7 to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the association.

Princess Anne, Honorary President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend the annual Philip Henman Overseas lecture at the Institution of Civil Engineers on March 9 and a dinner afterwards.

Princess Anne, Patron of the British Executive Service Overseas, will visit their offices at 10 Belgrave Square, SW1, on March 10.

Princess Anne will visit Douay Martyrs' Roman Catholic comprehensive school, Ickenham, Uxbridge, on March 10 to mark the school's silver jubilee year.

Princess Anne will open the new hydrotherapy unit at the *London Hospital* on March 10.

Princess Anne will open the new Homerton Hospital, Hackney, on March 10.

Princess Anne, Master of the Company of Carmen, will attend a livery dinner at the Mansion House on March 10.

Shirley Lancaster

The still, small voice within

"The kingdom of heaven is within you, and it would take a hell of a big pill to get it out", declared one spirited preacher. In other words, the transcendent God of theism is also the "immanent God" who can be experienced in the depths of ourselves.

For most of us, God is the transcendent "wholly other". Evangelists may have domesticated him, praying for nice weather and a parking space, but the God of established religion is now seen as remote and irrelevant to daily life. Who, as one cynic put it, has a neighbour with an ass or ox to covet? A more authentic path to spiritual fulfilment is being found in the inner *journey, emphasised in popular fringe* religions.

Many Christians are sympathetic to this trend. Empty pews show that a growing need for spiritual meaning is not being met by the church. While an inner centre, as the place where God can be found, is nothing new. "I know that *without me* God can no moment live/Were I to die: then be no longer would survive", writes Angelus Silesius on the relationship between the ego and the divine depths. And a deity who is "nearer than hands and feet" was no stranger to the Bible or early church: both took dreams seriously as messages of God's will.

Today's church leaders are not known for pondering dreams for divine guidance. Only those with reprints of Jung on the shelf are likely to accept inner experience - a dream, mood, fantasy or hunch, as communications from a God within.

Yet with the gift of depth psychology, Jung believed the now obsolete God of history could be recovered as a dynamic and meaningful inner reality.

As a psychologist, Jung found that a third of his patients were not suffering from any clinical neurosis, but from the apparent meaninglessness of their lives. Religion was no longer an option. But experience proved that when patients discovered, and lived in harmony with, *a deeper reality within themselves*, their health recovered.

This "transpersonal" centre, which seeks to restore balance and wholeness to the personality, Jung called the Self or "inner image" of God. It represents the ego and those potentials and neglected parts of the personality which have yet to be lived out.

Jung was not suggesting God can be reduced to a psychological function. Depth psychology simply shows that a divine image operates in the human psyche. As a symbol of our most true and whole self, it speaks through every day psychological experience - from an inner compulsion to a daydream - pressing us to realize our own individual truth.

To see God at the very core of our being throws new light on orthodox teaching. Obedience to God, for example, would be to live at one with our true self, rather than submit to an exterior will. Similarly, St Augustine's claim that "our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee" could be interpreted as a desire to live from our true centre.

Alternatively, to live estranged from God would be to live out of touch with the heights and depths of ourselves. Deaf to intuitive wisdom, we can live from a false centre - material security, power, success. Sin then regains its original meaning of "missing the mark": to live without realising the unique individual we were intended to be.

Jung found psychology could provide these new insights, even a new language for Christian experience. His own patients could happily accept their ego had assimilated the deeper knowledge of the Self and achieved wholeness or Individuation. (The divine image had been restored in the personality). But to describe that *inner process* as "redemption through Christ" would be meaningless. So why has the church not bought the new wine?

Some Christians have feared that psychology will explain away their faith; faith demands that we see through a glass darkly, not try to drink its contents. And Jung, himself, insisted the inner journey is not for everyone.

His own encounter with the unconscious testifies it can be "a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God". The biblical images of God as fire, whirlwind, a fiery chariot and flaming torch, symbolize the tremendous psychic energies we can unleash. We must count the cost.

Yet the price of not understanding our deepest energies and instincts might be more costly. The channel for man's highest aspirations, and his need to worship something greater than himself, has hitherto been provided by religion. Those freed energies are now poured into secular concerns, such as the state, science, progress, political ideologies - with obvious benefits.

But the less we know about those energies, warned Jung, the greater the danger of being used by them, unconsciously. (A whole nation fell under the spell of a Hitler). The modern believer who sees God (or evil) at work in these archetypal tendencies, will see coming to terms with them, in himself and others, as part of his commitment to God and his following of Christ.

Self-knowledge, as a prerequisite to knowledge of God, was well understood by the fourteenth century author of *The Cloud of Unknowing*. "Swink and sweat in all thou can'st and may'est, for to get thee a true knowing and feeling of thyself as thou art. And then, I trou, thou wilt get thee a true knowing and feeling of God as he is".

Today, people are choosing to "swink and sweat" to recover God's presence in themselves. The still, small voice within is preferred to the strident voice of dogma. Spiritual truths are to be inwardly experienced, rather than imposed insensitively on others. Becoming more whole as people is thought to bring us closer to God than becoming narrowly religious.

Jung helped to put God back in the *individual soul, as the true source and* fulfilment of our being. It is where the early Gnostics and great mystics found him. And it is now, it seems, where the church must help us find him, if its transcendent God is to become relevant again.

OBITUARY

SIR GEOFFREY MILES

Navigation specialist with Russian and Indian service

Admiral Sir Geoffrey Miles, KCB, KCSI, head of the Naval Mission to Moscow after Rus*sia came into the* Second World War, in which he also held commands in the East Indies and Western Mediterranean, died on New Year's Eve. He was 98.

Geoffrey John Audley Miles was born on May 2, 1890. He originally wanted to be a soldier, but was, perhaps rather surprisingly, won for the sea *by the experience* of a Channel crossing at the age of eight.

In 1905 he entered *Britannia* as a cadet from Bedford School. The following year he went to sea as midshipman, and by 1911 was a lieutenant.

Specializing in navigation, he was assistant navigator in *Neptune*, Home Fleet flagship, in 1912, and afterwards navigator of the dispatch vessel *Surprise* (renamed *Alacrity* in 1913) on the China station.

When *her crew* was dispersed to war appointments in 1914, he became navigator of the armed merchant cruiser *Empress of Russia*, which served in the Indian Ocean.

From March 1915 he was navigator of the flotilla leader, *Botha*, and from September 1916 of the light cruiser, *Fearless*, submarine flotilla leader, both in the Grand Fleet. In June 1919 he was appointed to the first RN Staff College course to be held after the war.

In 1920-2 he was staff officer with the rear-admiral commanding Atlantic Fleet *destroyer flotillas in the cruiser Coventry*, and in 1922-4 was squadron navigating officer in the same ship with the Atlantic and Mediterranean flotillas.

As a commander, he was staff officer (operations) in the Third and *First Battle Squadrons* in the Mediterranean in 1925-7, and combined the duty of staff officer (operations) with that of squadron navigator in the battle cruiser squadron in *Hood* in 1927-9.

He was then appointed to the plans *division, Admiralty*, and in June 1931 was promoted captain. After commanding *Pangbourne* and the first minesweeping flotilla in 1931-2, he served as deputy director of the Staff College in 1933-5, and commanded the *Codrington* and third destroyer flotilla in the Mediterranean in 1935-7.

During the next two years he was successively assistant director and director of the senior officers' tactical school, Portsmouth.

In July 1939 he took command of *Nelson* as flag-captain to the C-in-C, Home Fleet, and served *in her* during the early operations of the Second World War until June 1941. During this time she struck one of the first magnetic mines to be laid.

After Russia entered the war, Miles was appointed *head* of the naval section of the British mission to Moscow that accompanied Sir Stafford Cripps, and was granted acting rank as rear-admiral until his substantive promotion a month later.

He was in Moscow for two years. In July 1942 he visited the Black Sea bases of the Red Fleet, where he talked with survivors from Sebastopol. His work in Russia was *praised by the Admiralty* at the end of his career, when he was said to have "achieved the best co-operation possible in trying circumstances."

Next he held a shore appointment on the East Indies Station in 1943-4, serving as deputy naval commander SEAC under Mountbatten. From July of that year until *the end of the war* in Europe he was flag officer commanding, Western Mediterranean.

In March 1946 he was appointed C-in-C Royal Indian Navy, and he was thus employed until after the transfer of power to the Dominions of India and Pakistan in August 1947.

He was promoted admiral *the following year*, and placed on the retired list in April 1948.

He was active in retirement, as chairman of the Outward Bound Trust at Aberdovey, and as chairman of the United Services' Club (when it was in Pall Mall). He was also a member of the British Horse Society, and each year drove *himself* to the Badminton Horse Trials until, at the age of 92, he was prevented from doing so by failing eyesight. He enjoyed playing bowls, and was captain of the local team.

He married, in 1918, Alison Mary Cadell, who died in 1981. Their two sons survive him.

MR A. M. BINNIE

Mr A. M. Binnie, FRS, until 1968 Reader in Engineering in the University of Cambridge died on New Year's Eve. He was 85.

Alfred Maurice Binnie was born on February 6, 1901. He was educated at Weymouth College and Queens' College, Cambridge, where he was a scholar and took the mechanical science tripos in 1922.

He stayed up for a fourth year under Professor C. E. Inglis, *making calculations of* the stresses imposed on bridges by the "hammer-blow" of locomotives. That research project led to his employment in 1923 on the staff of the Bridge Stress Committee to study the same problem in the field by tests.

In 1925 he applied with success for a research demonstratorship in the department of engineering science at Oxford, *where* he was to remain for 19 years. He was appointed a university demonstrator in *1928*, and was a lecturer at New College from 1933 to 1944.

In that year he returned to Cambridge, where he was appointed a university lecturer in engineering, in charge of the hydraulics laboratory, with a fellowship of Trinity College. His arrival coincided *with the* great expansion *of* research activity in the engineering school, which began even before the war was over.

In 1954 he was promoted reader in engineering, and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1960.

His scientific work ranged over an impressively wide variety of problems in practical hydraulics and fundamental fluid mechanics.

Most of it was experimental but, while he generally eschewed involvement with the more demanding theoretical issues, his published papers provide many instances of the usefulness of fairly simple *mathematics when applied* with sufficient insight to the explanations of flow phenomena.

His most important contribution is, perhaps, his series of papers on swirling flows, such as in whirlpools and in the draught from hydraulic turbines.

The *significance* of these flows in hydro-electric engineering seems to have been the original stimulus for his researches, and the refinement and comprehensiveness of his experiments has established a corpus of basic knowledge on swirling flow which has a significant place in the science of fluid mechanics.

He continued his experimental work in the engineering *laboratory for many years* after retirement from his readership.

The care which he devoted to all his experimental work was an admirable *quality. It* was typical of him that on one occasion, when he had examined the pulsating fountain at Villeneuve during a holiday in Switzerland, he set up an experimental model immediately on his return to Cambridge, and published a neat and wholly satisfactory explanation for the pulsations of the fountain.

Although in college he lived the somewhat cloistered life of a bachelor don, he was an active member of the combination room committee and the gardens committee. He also under*took* the care of the clock, a very delicate piece of machinery.

He was one of the friendliest and most entertaining of companions at the high table, and a keen and humorous observer of life. He missed none of *the little nuances of collegiate* life, but he was above all generous and entirely devoid of malice.

He loved climbing, and *nearly all his holidays* were spent in the Alps or the Pyrenees or the British hills. Those fortunate enough to have his company on these expeditions could appreciate him at his best.

PROFESSOR DUMAS MALONE

Lord Scarman writes:

His many British admirers will be grateful for your obituary *notice* (December 30) *of* Dumas Malone. His biography of Jefferson must surely rank as one of the greatest biographies ever written.

I had the wonderful privilege of meeting Dumas Malone when I delivered one of the two lectures with which the University of Virginia annually commemorates the life and work of Jefferson.

I asked Malone whether, in retrospect, he thought that he had been over-indulgent in his treatment of Jefferson's attitude to slavery. His answer was a reflective "no". Jefferson *was* born *into the world* of rural Virginia where slaves were seen, and in his family genuinely treated, as members of the family; but, said Malone, Jefferson knew that slavery as an institution was wrong.

I also asked Malone what would be his own criticism of his work. Rightly, he gave no answer. When I suggested that neither he nor Jefferson fully understood the creative contribution of Alexander Hamilton (Washington's Secretary of the Treasury) to the establishment of the United States as *a major* commercial and financial power, I think that he was prepared to accept that Jefferson, understandably, did not.

Malone's work is *more than* the biography of one great man. It is the tale of the birth of a great nation seen through the eyes of one who played a major role in bringing it about.

MR IAN FRASER

Mr Ian Fraser, artist, died on December 31. He was 53.

Alistair Ian Fraser was born on July 11, 1933, and studied at Leeds School of Art from 1948 to 1952. After National Service he went to the Royal College of Art.

He was a part-time member of staff at Hornsey College of Art (Middlesex Polytechnic) from the mid-1960s. He became full-time head of print*making in 1969* and, *in* 1982, head of fine art, the post he held until his death.

During his time at Hornsey, his restrained voice was a strong *influence. In the troubles* of 1968 he was one of the effective moderates.

He championed and promoted the fine art course. His painting and print-making is widely known, though his later, more mature, work has *so far* been seen by few.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, with their daughter and two sons.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.H. Adams
and Miss R.M. Burrows
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs R.H. Adams, of Whitehall, Weedon, Northamptonshire, and Rosalind, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.D. Burrows, of Copyhold, Bury, Sussex.

Mr A.K. Adamyk
and Miss C.P. Renard
The engagement is announced between Andrew James, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Adamyk, of Long Eaton, Nottingham, and Caroline Patricia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J. Renard, of Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Mr G.R. Andrews
and Miss C.A. Morshead
The engagement is announced between Guy Russell, only son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Andrews, of Shalford, Surrey, and Catherine Aurea, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Morshead, of Fawley, near Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. Barnes
and Miss S.E. Peet
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs J.W. Barnes, of Manor Parsley, Cornwall, and Susan Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.A. Peet, of Kingswood, Surrey.

Mr J.M. Brunton
and Miss F.I.G. Thorbeck
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs J.C. Brunton, of Rochdale, Lancashire, and Francesca, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Thorbeck, of Maynards, Matfield, Kent.

Dr J. Cox
and Dr A.E. Turnbull
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Dr and Mrs J.D. Cox, of *Chumleigh, Devon, and Anne* Elizabeth, daughter of Professor and Mrs A.C. Turnbull, of *Blenheim Drive, Oxford.*

Mr W.T. Dimsdale
and Miss C.M. Steele
The engagement is announced between Wilfrid, younger son of the late Baron Dimsdale and of Baroness Dimsdale, of Nuthampstead, Hertfordshire, and Catherine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Steele, of Lindfield, Sussex.

Mr C.F. Dore
and Miss B.S. Hill
The engagement is announced *between Charles Francis, son of* Mr and Mrs P.C. Dore, of Great Shelford, Cambridge, and Bridget *Susan, youngest daughter* of Mr C.S. Hill and the late Mrs M.B. Hill, of Retford, Nott*inghamshire.*

Mr M.K. Edgar
and Dr F.M. Colley
The engagement is announced between Martin Keithock, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Edgar, Royal Engineers, and of Mrs Edgar, of Wimbledon, and Frances May, daughter of the late Mr N. Colley and of Mrs Colley, of Surbiton.

Mr P.G. Gordon
and Miss J.M.G. Livingstone
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs Sandy Gordon, of Balmenach, Cardross, and Grizelda, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Jeremy Livingstone, of Glencairn Crescent, Edinburgh.

Mr A.F. Harmer
and Miss C.E. Blake-James
The engagement is announced between Andrew Frederic, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.J.A. *Harmer, of Yewtree House,* Stratford St Mary, Essex, and Clea Elizabeth, elder daughter of *Dr and Mrs R.B. Blake-James*, of Wilberforce House, Pocklington, York.

Mr J.L. Heading
and Miss S.M.D. Smith
The engagement is announced between Jeffrey, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Heading, of Storrington, Sussex, and Susanna Mary Deacon, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Deacon Smith, of Standon Friars, Hertfordshire.

Mr I.G.A. Heinrich
and Miss D.J.K. Muntz
The engagement is announced between Ian George Angus, only son of Mr and Mrs K.S. Heinrich, and Diana Judith Karen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.D. Muntz, both of Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire.

Mr J.J.D. Hicklin
and Miss S.E. Griffiths
The engagement is announced between *Justin, eldest* son of *Dr* and Mrs Anthony Hicklin, of Copthorne, Sussex, and Sara *Elizabeth*, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Griffiths, of Yarnton, Oxford.

Mr S.T. Lloyd
and Miss S.A. Hemmens
The engagement is announced between Simon, only son of the late Mr I.L. Lloyd and Mrs R.M. Lloyd, of Ilkley, Yorkshire, and Sally, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P.F.R. Hemmens, of Widley, Portsmouth.

Mr J.P.St J. Pumfrey
and Miss S.L. Brown
The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Paul W.R. Pumfrey, of Lee Road, Lincoln, and Sandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael W.L. Brown, of Quarrington Manor, near Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

Mr H.M.J. Rees
and Miss J. Neate
The engagement is announced between Hugh Murray John, son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Rees, of Lustleigh, Devon, and Julia, *only daughter of Mr and Mrs* E.H. Neate, of Christleton, Chester.

Mr C.H.K. Swindall
and Miss J.L. Norton
The engagement is announced between Howard, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Swindall, of *London, NW11, and Janet,* daughter of Dr and Mrs Kenneth Norton, of Barnet, *Hertfordshire.*

Mr R.G. White
and Miss J. Strawbridge
The engagement is announced between Roderick Giles, second son of *Mr M.J.* White, of Pimlico, and Mrs J.E. White, of Pinner, Middlesex, and Jane, elder daughter of *Dr* and Mrs G.W.C. Strawbridge, of Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan.

Marriage

Mr R.J. Cheney
and Señora P. Bornscheuer
The marriage took place in London, on December 31, between Mr Richard Cheney and Señora Patricia Bornscheuer.

Birthdays

TODAY: Brigadier Sir John Anstey, 80; Mr David Atherton, 43; Mr John Bamborough, 66; Mr Michael Barratt, 59; Mr Victor Borge, 78; Professor Bryan Carsberg, 48; Lord Colyton, 85; Mr Fran Cotton, 39; Mr Roger Daltrey, 43; Sir Alastair Forbes, 79; Mr R. Hanbury-Tenison, 62; Sir Roy Harding, 63; Sir Errington Keville, 86; Miss Anya Linden, 54; Sir Carol Mather, MP, 68; Sir John Riddell, 53; Mr R.R. Steedman, 58; Mr John Thaw, 45; Mr David Vine, 51; Mr Michael Vyner, 44; Professor T.S. Willan, 77.

TOMORROW: Miss Grace Bumbry, 50; Mr Alexander Chancellor, 47; Miss Rosalie *Crutchley, 65; Mr Iain* Cuthbertson, 57; Sir Thomas Ferens, 84; Professor K.J. Hancock, 52; Sir Havelock Hudson, 68; Lieutenant-Commander Sir Ian Clark Hutchison, 84; Sir Leslie Joseph, 79; Professor B. Josephson, 47; the Hon Diana Makgill, 57; Mr T.J. Rix, 53; Sir *Thomas* Robson, 91; the Earl of Selkirk, QC, 81; Mr Eric E. van Lennep, 94; Dr T.D. Whittet, 72; Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Wilkins, 54.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr Martin Rumblelow to be head of the Department of Trade and Industry's Management Services and Manpower Division, in succession to Mr Peter Dougherty, who is retiring.
Mr Billy Carbutt to be Chairman of the London Court of the Mary Rose, a fund-raising group of the Mary Rose Trust, in succession to Mr Charles Tidbury.

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Science report

Using compost to combat soil erosion

By David Nicholson-Lord

Two of the most serious environmental problems facing the world - soil erosion and rubbish proliferation - could *be combated by setting up* organic waste recycling centres on farms, according to a team from Wye College, London University.

The resulting compost could restore soil fertility and at the same time cut down on expensive and wasteful methods of disposal.

The scope for such an *innovation* in the West, particularly Britain, is immense, argue the researchers. *If farms and back gardens are* excluded, an estimated 500 million tonnes of organic waste is produced in the EEC every year. Only one per cent of this is made into compost.

Britain, moreover, lags badly behind its European counterparts. France has more than 100 plants producing 800,000 tonnes of compost *from household rubbish.* Germany has 82, Sweden 17 and Austria 15. Bottom of the list *come Denmark and Britain*, with one plant apiece, producing, in Britain's case, 1,200 tonnes of compost from sewage sludge.

Composting has been carried out in the Far East, notably China, for 4,000 years, aimed at maintaining soil fertility in densely populated areas. In 1979 the EEC initiated a programme for recycling urban and industrial wastes. Member states produce 2.3 billion tonnes annually, it was estimated in 1985, with most of it dumped, used *for landfill or incinerated.*

Where composting operations exist, they tend to consist of capital-intensive plants set up to deal with large-scale urban wastes. Such plants are often centralized and distant from land application needs. Marketing the compost is difficult.

Plant managers are also more intent on sanitizing their wastes and maximizing the return on investment; the wider public interest of improved soil fertility is excluded from the equation. Organic farming, which relies on the recycling of organic wastes, has been shown to control soil erosion and nutrient run-off and to minimize pollution.

The concept evaluated by *Ulrike Oehlschlaegel and Joe* Lopez-Real, of Wye College, involves producers of organic waste "dumping" their rubbish on organically-run farms. Income from the dumping fees could then finance the composting operation. No marketing is required since the compost has an immediate outlet.

A survey by the team in north Kent revealed that compostable wastes - ranging *from paper production to bark*, sawdust, tree trimmings, grass cuttings and horse manure - were being produced locally and there were companies interested in recycling them. The risk of heavy metal contamination in some products would be reduced if householders separated rubbish themselves.

About 23 tonnes of organic wastes would be required each week to provide 30 tonnes of compost per hectare a year - a rate of application that would be justified, the authors claim, *on the type of shallow, mis*managed soils seen in Kent.

Source: *Soil Association Review*, December 1986, pp 16-19.

Services tomorrow

Second Sunday after Christmas

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC: 9.30 M: 11 S Euch, Stanford in B flat and F, Agnus Dei (Morley), Praise the Lord, ye children (Tye), Rev A M Allchin: 3.15 E, Responses (Tomkins), St Paul's Service (Howells), There is a flower (Rutter): 6.30 Carol Service.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 HC, Responses (Tallis): 10.30 M, Benedictus, Te Deum (Byrd), Rev Peter Ball: 11.30 HC, Missa sine nomine (Asula), How brightly shines the morning star (Nicolai): 3.15 E, E W Nayor in D, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn), Rev G Davies.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8, 11.40 HC: 10.30 M, Responses (Sumsion), Jubilate in F (Ireland), Te Deum in B flat (Sanders), The blessed Son of God (Vaughan Williams), Rev Dr P Morgan: 3 E, Vann in E minor, Sweet was the song (R R Bennett), Rev S Charles: 6.30 ES, Sister Rose.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC: 11 Euch, Mass in G (Schubert), Joys Seven (trad.arr. Cleobury), Little road to Bethlehem (Head), Very Rev D L Edwards: 3 E, Harwood in A flat, Make me joy in this feast (Morgan), Very Rev D L Edwards.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 12.15, 6 LM: 11 HM, Rev M Hayes.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC: 11.15 S Euch, Jackson in G, Canon D N Hole.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11.15 S Euch, Ireland in C, Rev Alan Luff.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 S Euch.
TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 9.15 HC: 11 M, Ireland in F, Behold, I bring you glad tidings (Gibbons).
TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC: 11.15 MP and HC, Silent night (Gruber), Responses (John Rutter), Te Deum laudamus, Jubilate Deo (Macpherson in E).
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch, Bairstow in E flat, Ante luciferum genitus (Handl): 3.30 E, Thou O God (Macpherson), Howells in E, When Jesus our Lord (Mendelssohn).
ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Dss Kate Ricketts: 4 E, Rev M Beech.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM: 11 HM, The Prince of Peace (Lloyd Webber), A spotless rose (Howells), Rev G A Reddington.
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8 HC: 10 Children's Service: 11 Parish C, Preb Leighton Thomson: 6 E, Mr David Royce.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC: 11 S Euch, Missa O magnum mysterium (Victoria), Rev Dr A W Marks.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 8.30, 11, HC, Rev J A K Millar: 6.30 ES, Rev N K Lee.
HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC: 11 Euch, Rev Dr Martin Israel.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.30, 12.10 HC: 10.30 Euch, Canon
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke Street, Holborn, EC1: 9.30 SM: 11.00 HM, Missa Sancti Nicolai (Haydn), O magnum mysterium (Poulenc), Fr Gaskell.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 M, Jubilate, Communion setting (Stanford in C), Canon J Oates: 6.30 E, Responses (Byrd), Nunc dimittis (Wood in C), Lo, star-led chiefs (Crotch), Canon Oates.
ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens, SW5: 10 HC: 11 S Euch, Rowley in A minor, Thou didst leave (Berlioz), Rev W J Kirkpatrick: E&B 6.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8 HC: 11 S Euch, Short Service (Batten), O Lord God (Buck).
ST JAMES'S, Muswell Hill, N10: 8, 6.30 HC, Mr Howard Cunnington: 11 MP, Rev G Rowlandson.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC: 11 S Euch: 6 EP.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC: 10.30 S Euch, Statham in D, A New Year Carol (Britten), Rev D R Watson.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 9.45, 12.30, 7.30 HC: 11.30 MP, Canon R Jennings: 2.45 Chinese Service: 6.30 EP, Rev M Beck.
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45, 7 LM: 11 HM, Missa O magnum mysterium (Victoria), O sacrum convivium (Croce), Dr B Horne: 6.15 E&B.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8, 11 HC, Orgelsolomesse (Mozart). [illegible] Rev C K [illegible] of Healing [illegible] K Hamel [illegible]
ST MICHAEL'S, [illegible] SW1: 8, [illegible] 7.30 ES [illegible]
ST SIMON [illegible] SW3: 8, [illegible] (Bach). [illegible] Alleluya. [illegible] (Mathias) [illegible] Stanford [illegible] (Kelly), [illegible]
ST STEPHEN'S, [illegible] SW7: 8. [illegible] simplicitas [illegible] 6 E & B.
ST COLUMBA'S [illegible] LAND, [illegible] Baptisms, [illegible] J H [illegible]
CROWN COURT [illegible] LAND, [illegible] Rev K G [illegible]
THE ASSUMPTION, [illegible] W1: 8, 10 [illegible] O magnum [illegible] crown [illegible] linden tree [illegible]
THE ORATORY, [illegible] SW7: 7, [illegible] 11 HM, [illegible] illuminare [illegible] hodie [illegible]
ST ETHELDREDA'S, [illegible] SM, Byrd [illegible] mysterium [illegible]
AMERICAN CHURCH [illegible] W1: 11 [illegible]
CITY TEMPLE, [illegible] 6.30 Rev [illegible]
CHELSEA [illegible] King's Road [illegible] Rev M [illegible]
HINDE STREET [illegible] CHURCH [illegible] 6.30 Rev [illegible]
KENSINGTON [illegible] W8: 11 [illegible]
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ST JOHN'S [illegible] Rev J M [illegible]
WESLEY'S [illegible] 11 Rev [illegible]
WESTMINSTER [illegible] ham Gate [illegible] Kendall.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

For the Son of Man is come to save that which was lost.
St. Matthew 18 : 11

BIRTHS

BARTHOLOMEW - On December 31st 1986, to Rosie (Née Jollen) and Charles, a son Toby John.

CARROLL - On December 31st 1986, to Dr Elizabeth Wyn (née Jackson) and Mr John Richard, a first son, Alexander Kingsley John.

CLEGG - On December 31st, at John Radcliffe Maternity Hospital, Oxford, to Jane (née Woodruffe) and Adrian, a daughter, Tara Rose.

CREEDY SMITH - On December 19th, to Linda (née Drake) and Adam, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth.

EVANS - On December 27th, at Lagan Valley Hospital, Lisburn, to Glynis (née Ford) and Gordon, a daughter, Charlotte Laura.

FARRANT - On December 31st, to Jo and Paul, a son.

FISHER - On December 23rd 1986, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, to Nicola (née Sutton) and Neil, a daughter, Rachel Fiona.

FLETCHER - On December 31st, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sally (née Binding) and Christopher, a daughter Fenella Jane, sister to Amy and Alexandra.

FURSE - On December 19th, at St Thomas' hospital, London, to Clara (née Siemens) and Richard, a daughter Cornelia Sara.

HENDERSON-HOWAT - On December 31st 1986, at Stirling Royal Infirmary to Jean (née Buchanan-Smith) and David, a daughter, Claire Janet.

HEWLETT - On December 30th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jane and Tom, twin boys, Harry and Charles, brothers for Emily and Georgina.

HUNT - On January 1st, at Leighton Hospital, Crewe, to Philippa (née Samuel) and Clive, a son William Edward.

JUCKES - On December 30th 1986, at Ronkswood, Worcester, to Frances (née MacDowel) and Robert, a son, David Robert, brother for Tim and Daniel.

MACLEOD - On December 21st, at Aberdeen hospital to Drs Alison (née Fraser) and Neil, a son, Malcolm Neil Fraser.

MOORE - On December 30th, to Pamela (née Crawford) and Paul of Chew Magna, Bristol, a son Adam.

RUSHEN - on 31st December, 1986 to Jane (née Ashton) and Keith, a boy, Thomas Douglas

SNEYD - On December 10th, to Felicity and James a second son, Daniel James.

SNEYD - On December 30th, to Fiona and Robert a second daughter, Hannah Elizabeth.

SYKES - On December 31st, in New York, to Nancy (Née Hoehn) and Anthony, a daughter.

WISEMAN - On December 28th, to Caroline (née Drury) and Garth, a daughter, Victoria Rebecca.

DEATHS

ALFORD - On December 24th, peacefully in Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield. Sqn Ldr Gerald Frederick Reader Alford AFC, aged 71. Will be forever missed by all who knew him. Funeral service at Christ Church, Old Southgate, London N14 on Wednesday January 7th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations to RAF Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1.

ASHWELL - On December 31st, peacefully at home, aged 100, Major Arthur Lindley (Pat) Ashwell D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D., D.L., late 8th Battalion, Sherwood Foresters. Cremation private. No letters or flowers please.

BERGEL - On January 1st 1987, at the General Hospital Jersey, in his 87th year, Franz Professor Emeritus F.R.S. Cremation private. Donations in lieu of flowers would be gratefully accepted at The Chester Beatty Institute for Cancer Research, Royal Cancer Hospital, Chester Beatty Laboratories, Fulham Road, SW3 6JB.

BILLIAT - On December 31st, at home in Grayshott, Hampshire, AlineMary (née Bazett) wife of the late Major Jack Billiat, mother of Joy and the late Jean. Funeral at All Saints Church, Headley, Hampshire, January 6th 1987 at 3pm. No letters please, Flowers to Gould and Chapman, Grayshott.

BINNIE - On December 31st 1986, peacefully in Cambridge, in his 86th year. Alfred Maurice Binnie F.R.S., Fellow of Trinity College.

BLACK - On January 1st 1987, at Craigmount Nursing Home St. Andrews. Madge Black (née Gibson) beloved wife of the late Dr. Ian W.M.A. Black. Dear mother of John and David and former nursing sister Kings College Hospital, London. Funeral service in All Saints Church, North Castle Street, St. Andrews at 10.15am thereafter to the Western Cemetery, St. Andrews. Friends please accept this the only intimation and invitation.

BRUCE - On January 1st, in her 98th year, Elrene, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Wilson of Kynaston Court, Harrow Weald. Widow of John Synnot Bruce and mother of Joan Leslie Hope of The Little House, Sandhurst, Gloucester. Grandmother of Robin, Charles and David Mathew and loved great grandmother.

CHETWOOD - On December 30th 1986, peacefully at the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham. John Anthony, loving husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St John The Baptist Church, St John's Hill Road, Woking on Wednesday January 7th at 2.30 pm, followed by private interment. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Waverley Lane, Farnham.

ELIN - On December 30th 1986, at Forest Row, East Sussex, aged 92 years, Ethel Marcia Elin R.R.C. (née Conway-Gordon). Widow of Lionel Gerard. Funeral Service at Worth Crematorium, Surrey, on Wednesday January 7th at 2.30pm.

FIELDING - On January 1st 1987, A. Leslie Fielding, aged 81. Beloved husband of Zena. Funeral private. Please, no flowers.

GOITEIN - On January 1st 1987, in hospital, Freda Archer Goitein, aged 91 years, of Top Farm, Broadway, Worcs. Mother of Michael and Verity. Funeral at noon, Tuesday January 6th, Wolvercote Cemetery, Banbury Road, Oxford.

HAYLOR - On December 31st, peacefully in his sleep, Ronnie, aged 84 years. Beloved husband of Eve and father of Nick and Carrie. Funeral service at Snape Church on Wednesday January 7th, at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Flowers or Donations for Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, to Tony Brown's Funeral Parlour, Saxmundham, Suffolk.

HOBSON - On December 31st 1986, peacefully at home after a long illness, bourne with great courage, Margaret. Dearly loved wife of Desmond and mother of Sandra and Anthony. Funeral on Wednesday 7th January 12 noon at St Andrews Church, Withypool, Somerset. Flowers may be sent to Hawkes Funeral Directors, Minehead, Somerset, or if desired donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

HOPE-LANG - On January 1st, Anne Janet, known as 'Nan', mother of Keith, dearly missed by all the family. Cremation at Crown Hill, Milton Keynes, 11.30am, Tuesday January 6th.

JOHNSON - On December 31st 1986, peacefully at 2, Emily Place, Clifton, Bristol, Constance, aged 93 years, widow of William Trevor Johnson, and much loved mother of Anthony, Richard and Paul. Funeral at St Mary's, Leigh Woods, on Tuesday January 6th at 12.30pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers or donations for Bristol Old People's Welfare, may be sent c/o Thomas Davis Funeral Directors, Southville Lodge, Southville Road, Bristol, BS3 1DJ.

LAWRIE - On January 2nd 1987, in Edinburgh, Isabella Simpson Lawrie aged 86 years, of 22 Granby Rd, Newington, Edinburgh. Beloved wife of the late Reverend John Lawrie O.B.E., M.C., D.D., late of Crossgates Church, Fife, Hamilton West Church, Blackfriars Parish Church, Glasgow and St Andrew's Church, Gibraltar. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Pentland Chapel, on Tuesday 6th January at 12.45pm.

MAXWELL - On December 31st 1986, Barbara Mary Sydney, only daughter of the late W.B. and Sydney Constance Brabazon Maxwell and loving sister of Henry, peacefully at her home in Suffolk. Funeral private.

McEWAN - On Tuesday December 30th 1986, peacefully at the home of his parents, Peter Robin McEwan, 82 Halton road, London N1. Loved son of Sheila and Robin and brother of Margaret and Colin. Funeral service in Perth crematorium on Monday January 5th at 10.45am.

MICHAELSON-YEATES - On December 30th, in Mullion, Cornwall, Lucy in her 90th year, Beloved wife of the late Hugh Benjamin of Barnstaple, Devon, and muched loved mother of Pat, Sheila and Ian, grandmother and great grandmother.

MILLARD - On December 31st, quietly at home in Chipping Campden after a year of illness bravely resisted, Frederick John Millard M.B.E., T.D., in his 91st year. Beloved husband of Kay and step father of John Lodge. Funeral service at St Jame's Church, Chipping Campden on Tuesday January 6th at 2pm. Family flowers only but donations if so desired in Aid of Cancer Research to Lloyds Bank, Chipping Campden, Glos. Thanksgiving service to be announced later.

PAGET - On December 31st 1986, peacefully at Petersfield Hospital, Winifred Norah, aged 90. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Petersfield on Wednesday January 7th 1987 at 2.45pm, followed by private cremation at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Forces Help Society, 122 Brompton Rd, London, SW3 1JE.

PEARSON - On 31st December 1986, Alfred Harbert, aged 95 years, devoted husband of the late Ethel and beloved father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Former general manager of General Accident, Perth. Funeral service at Chichester crematorium on Friday 9th January at 12.30pm. No flowers please, but donations would be welcomed by Boy's Club of Scotland, 53 George street, Edinburgh EH2 2HT, of which he was a honorary president.

PODOLIER - On December 21st 1986, Paul, of Brownstacks, Beeches Close, Kingswood, Surrey.

ROBEY - On December 30th, peacefully in Cuckfield Hospital, Pauline Beda (née Colwell) of Haywards Heath Sussex. Funeral service at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Tuesday January 6th at 3.15pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Fields, WC2A 3PX.

RUMSEY - On January 1st 1987, Olive at her home in Chichester. Wife of the late Lacy Rumsey of Oporto and very dear mother and grandmother. Funeral private. No letters please.

SHAW - On December 27th, suddenly in Liverpool, Ben Shaw C.B.E. Chairman North West Museum and Art Gallery Area Council. Beloved husband of Paulette, father of Malcolm, Eric, Jonathan and Rena. The funeral has already taken place. A Memorial Service is to be arranged.

SHEPHERD - On January 2nd, Percy Rae, F.D.S., of Chislehurst, much beloved husband of Elaine, father of Christine and Cynthia, and fivefold grandfather. Cremation probably January 7th 10.am, Beckenham Crematorium. Donations to Help the Aged appreciated.

THOMSON - On December 31st 1986, at The Lawn, Holybourne, Dr Claire Pease Thomson, MRCS, LRCP aged 93 years. Funeral at Holybourne Church on Wednesday January 7th at 11.30, followed by cremation at Aldershot 12.30. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to: The Lawn, Holybourne, Hants. Further enquiries to Kemp and Stevens, 93 High Street, Alton, Hants 0420 83177.

WORTHINGTON - On December 31st, Michael Euan, at King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, beloved husband of Venetia and father of James, Euan and Alexander. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service 11.30 am on Friday 9th January at St Mary's Church, Hurley. No flowers or letters please, but donations if wished to King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London W1, or Cancer Research.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

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Inquiry on removal of statues

A public inquiry is to be held this month over the removal of historic statues from the grounds of Lennel House at Coldstream in the Borders.

They were taken from the Italian garden during the sale of the house and are believed to be in the store of a London antique dealer.

Borders Regional Council served enforcement notices prohibiting the removal of the statues, which it says forms part of a listed building. The statues, including those of Lord Nelson, Atlas and the Duke of Wellington, were taken away by lorry while the owners, the Langtry Trust of Jersey, were in the process of selling Lennel to a Yorkshire businessman.

The house was occupied by Mr Willem Meijer, of the Langtry Trust, who claims the garden does not form part of the listed building.

Judges retire

Judge Forrester-Paton, QC, of the North Eastern Circuit, and Judge Goodall, Judge King and Judge Richards, of the Western Circuit, retired on December 31.

Church news

Church in Wales

Appointment

The Rev Margaret Harvey, Bishop's Adviser in Continuing Ministerial Education, diocese of St Asaph, to be Clerk in Charge of Bryn Eglwys

Latest wills

Ivy Priaulx Rainier, of Ladbroke Grove, London – the composer Priaulx Rainier - left estate valued at £314,452 net. She left a self-portrait of Dame Barbara Hepworth to the National Portrait Gallery, three works by Ben Nicholson and two sculptures and three other Hepworths to Kettle's Yard, Cambridge, some scores and other papers to the British Museum and the residue of her estate to the Musicians' Company for prizes for composition of chamber music.

Mrs Muriel Adelaide Harvey, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £611,262 net. After various bequests, she left the residue equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, the Crusade of Rescue, and the Distressed Gentlefolk's Aid Association.

Mrs Laura Mito Victoria Fonteyn, of Holland Park, London, left estate valued at £948,761 net.

Mr Norman Spencer Cleaver, of Woldingham, Surrey, left estate valued at £721,269 net.

Mr Michael Ernest Spooner, of Guildford, Surrey, left estate valued at £497,837 net.

Mr Hubert Stanton Ballard, of Iffley, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £1,042,426 net. He left half the residue to the Stanton Ballard Charitable Trust.

Mrs Maisie Ashton, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, left estate valued at £884,136 net.

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Tories support £400m plea by Austin Rover

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

A reported £400 million cash injection required by Austin Rover from the Government has received strong backbench support from Midlands MPs.

They believe that new models such as the Rover 800, which is set to achieve success in America, mean that Austin Rover no longer warrants the "lame duck" label and that government's £2.2 billion funding of the Rover Group, formerly BL, since 1975 should be increased.

Mr Anthony Beaumont Dark, Conservative MP for Birmingham Selly Oak, said: "There is no doubt about it. Graham Day, Rover's chairman, was brought in to do a job and the Government knew it would cost money. Day is not noted for being a big spender of government money and bearing in mind the implications for employment in the plants and in the component industry, £400 million would be a small investment."

Mr Steven Norris, Tory MP for Oxford East, said: "By any objective view, Austin Rover, which was a company with a reputation for poor quality and lacklustre models, now has good products and has achieved a tremendous turnaround. It is almost strike free and has made demonstrable progress."

Several sources indicated that the Rover Group had made a request for less than the reputed £400 million in its corporate plan now with the Government for approval.

However, Mr Roger King, Tory MP for Northfield and vice chairman of the Commons all-party motor industry group, believed that the higher than expected request indicated welcome optimism by Mr Day, and he forecast that Austin Rover could make a modest profit in 1988.

The corporate strategy contains the crucial five-year plan for the state-owned vehicle manufacturer, which the Government is keen to privatize as soon as possible. Plans are well advanced to sell a 75 per cent stake in the Unipart components company, and later the computer data operation, Istel, along with Leyland Bus and Llanelli Radiators.

It is believed that the Metro replacement, codenamed AR6, will go ahead, although the cost of the £250 million project may be reduced by retaining the Metro floorpan and re-styling the body.

Recently Austin Rover signed its latest collaborative deal with Honda, this time to design and manufacture jointly a Ford Escort class car codenamed AR8. It will be produced in Britain and Japan

Austin Rover's output dropped last year to around 450,000 and its UK market share slipped to 16 per cent, but Mr Day believes that output of 600,000 cars a year can be achieved in 1987.

A solution is now on the horizon for the loss-making Leyland Trucks, which is now in merger talks with DAF, the Dutch heavy truck builder.

Mr Graham Day: not noted as big spender

Mr Roger King: forecasts modest profit in 1988

The biggest of the smallest

Mr David Lee, of Leicester, holding a First World War Airco DH9A, worth £5,000, the biggest operational model on show at the Model Engineer Exhibition, with his son, Robert, aged 11, holding the smallest on display, an Avro Racing Baby, worth about £10. The Airco, built by Mr Peter McDermott, an air traffic controller, won a gold medal at the show, at the Wembley Conference Centre, north-west London, until next Thursday. More than 1,000 trains, boats, aircraft, cars and animals are on display.

(Photograph: Mark Pepper)

Reagan returns to face problems

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be performed by a team of civilian doctors.

The medical problem, which is not considered serious, coincides with the presentation of his Administration's 1988 budget on Monday. Mr Reagan is calling for an overall total of $1,024.3 billion dollars – the first time the budget proposal has broken the trillion dollar ceiling. The deficit is estimated at $107.8 billion – just below the mandatory target set by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law.

The budget calls for $1,800 billion in military spending over the next five years. Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, will unveil the long-term build-up in nuclear and conventional forces on Monday. He has already announced that he wants Congress to fund the building of two new aircraft carriers, to bring the fleet's strength up to 15 in the 1990s.

President Reagan has also made it clear he will seek an extra $100 million in aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

This request, as well as the continued increase in defence spending of $20 billion a year until 1992, will run into stiff opposition in Congress in light of the scandal over secret funding of the Contras.

Equally controversial are the proposals to slash federal farm aid by more than half, and sharply curtail the growth of many other domestic programmes.

The Congress, which resumes on Tuesday, is likely to throw out many of Mr Reagan's budget requests, and the usual protracted haggling looks inevitable.

Mr Reagan wants big cuts in commodity price supports and other federal farm aid, at a time when America's farmers are suffering their worst depression since the 1930s.

Letter from Brussels

Keeping an eye on a green EEC

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the EEC Commissioner for the Environment and Britain's junior Commissioner in Brussels, is a man with an eye on the media. He is keen for the world to know that 1987, whatever else it holds, is the European Year of the Environment, known as "Eye" for short.

EEC "years", like their United Nations equivalents, are not always an unqualified success. The year just past, in case you had not noticed it, was European Road Safety Year. It was also the year in which deaths and injuries due to road accidents went up by 10 per cent in Belgium, the country which boasts the capital of Europe (Brussels) and which took over the presidency of the EEC on Thursday from Britain.

To make sure he has better luck this time Mr Davis (who doubles up as Transport Commissioner) is offering a bottle of champagne every month to the EEC journalist who writes the best article about the European environment. He is also launching several "awareness raising" campaigns in the EEC: one to clean up EEC beaches, with the award of a blue flag to the most pollution-free ports and bathing waters; one to save energy and recycle resources; and one to prevent forest fires and acid rain in the Mediterranean area.

The publicity campaign for Eye, which really gets off the ground in March, at the time of the EEC's thirtieth anniversary, will cost over £7 million. Martini Rosso, the drinks company, is sponsoring Eye (it's the right one, it's the bright one), and the Prince of Wales is Britain's patron, alongside such other royal Europeans as King Juan Carlos of Spain and Prince Albert of Belgium.

The environment, Mr Davis and his team say, does not get enough coverage in Europe's media, despite the concern aroused by disasters such as the recent pollution of the Rhine. After the spillage of toxic chemicals from the Sandoz plant in Switzerland in November, the Commission has vowed to tighten EEC regulations governing pollution. The accident, which ruined the ecology of the upper Rhine, caused widespread protests in The Netherlands, France and above all West Germany, where the Green Party has gained support in the current election campaign.

Chancellor Kohl, moving to head off the Greens' growing appeal to middle-ground voters anxious about the environment, called the spillage a "criminal act". Mr Davis is taking legal action on behalf of the Commission against the eight member-states which have so far failed to comply with EEC legislation on toxic waste adopted after the Seveso accident in Italy in 1982 (the four which have complied are Britain, West Germany, Denmark and France).

Under the chairmanship of Mr William Waldegrave, the Environment Minister, new directives were adopted during the British presidency on asbestos pollution, noise pollution and the burning of waste oils. But much remains to be done, not least on acid rain, sulphur emissions and lorry exhausts.

There is also the peculiar problem of the 100-million-tonne mountain of animal manure in The Netherlands, which to the chagrin of Dutch farmers is steadily poisoning the soil with ammonia and phosphates. Temporary Dutch legislation to halt factory farming – the main cause of the dung mountain – has just expired and the environmental lobby is unhappy with new proposals which merely limit the amount of manure to be spread as fertilizer.

On the other hand, environmentalists are even less happy with an alternative Dutch proposal for dumping the manure in the North Sea, which by EEC standards is already so polluted that it has very little chance of winning Mr Davis's blue flag for clean EEC waters.

Richard Owen

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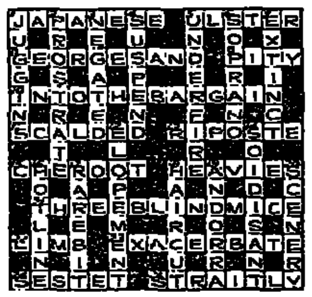

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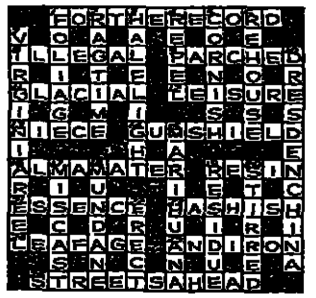

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A prize of The Times Concise Atlas of the World *will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: R B Atkinson, Northumberland Court, Hebburn, Tyne and Wear; Mrs J M Graham, Brek Head Barn, Wash, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire; Rev J F Morris, Our Lady's Convent, Park Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire; Mr P R Noakes, Little St Mary's, St Mary's Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, Dorset; E Telesford, Robert Street, Brighton, E Sussex.

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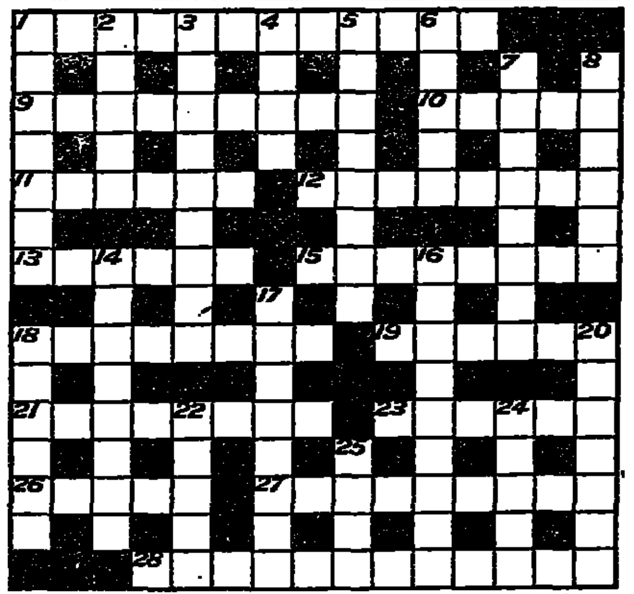

ACROSS

1 Some gamble, how a ship may react to rough seas, say (5-3-4).
9 His journey to a star United Nations organized (9).
10 One French boy or girl in dire need (5).
11 Somebody's depression a jolly introduction to hell? (6).
12 River Arrow's engine part (8).
13 Pipe for a rugby player, say? (6).
15 Like Ketèlbey's garden showing no return in gum resin (8).
18 Sweet dog Bill Sikes owned (5-3).
19 A black queen first in her order (6).
21 This well shows how Descartes' follower lost his head (8).
23 Endured, say, by company that goes to the wall (6).
26 Synonym or antonym of "fast"? (5).
27 Unusually long title to describe "The Wages of Sin" (3-6).
28 Abandon one's country to live in seclusion here? (6,6).

DOWN

1 Old Egyptian gambling game, it's said (7).
2 One of those up the pole (add 'em up) (5).
3 Ruffians teasing a lion? Gosh! (9).
4 With this early navigator at last 13 becomes a pirate (4).
5 Greek-style quadruped to depart in confusion (8).
6 Cantonese however is not their regional dialect (5).
7 Disheartened trapper upset with ease, say, by this come-back (8).
8 Scottish footballers appear kind of cross (6).
14 Offering to withdraw one thousand dollars from contract (8).
16 A pound on at Wyeville for one to beat the Eagle (9).
17 Bestiary is rewritten by a voluptuary (8).
18 Darwin's ocean-going hound (6).
20 Was contemptuous of the second sort of beef (7).
22 Took legal proceedings over English kid (5).
24 Ask for a pin for this surplice (5).
25 Secret plan to put money in the kitty (4).

Concise Crossword page 13

Today's events

New exhibitions

Turner watercolours – The Vaughan Bequest; National Gallery of Scotland, the Mound, Edinburgh, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, (ends Jan 31).

India of One Thousand and One Nights; Guildford House Gallery, 155 High St, Mon to Sat 10.30 to 4.50 (ends Jan 31).

Exhibition marking the 80th birthday of A. Wainwright; Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, Cumbria; Sat and Sun 2 to 5, Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30 (ends March 1).

Exhibitions in progress

Robert Harris 1849-1919; retrospective of the first President of the Royal Canadian Academy; Turner House, Plymouth Rd, Penarth; Tue to Sat 11 to 12.45 and 2 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Jan 24).

Music

SNO Viennese Night, Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 7.30.

Gala Concert with the Youth Choir, Orchestra and Brass Band of Mid-Glamorgan, St David's Hall, The Hayes, Cardiff, 7.

Children's Concert with readings, piano accompaniment and music, Aldeburgh Cinema, Suffolk; 11.

Tomorrow's events

Last chance to see

Central Region Children's Art Show; Smith Art Gallery and Museum, Dumbarton Rd, Stirling, 2 to 5.

Coalport Made Its Mark; Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, Ironbridge, Telford, Shropshire, 10 to 5.

Tin Glaze and Smoked Lustre Pottery by Allan Caiger-Smith and The Aldermaston Pottery 1955-85; Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, 2 to 5.

Furniture Bowls and Platters, by Guy Martin; Devon Guild of Craftsmen, Riverside Mill, Bovey Tracey, Devon; 10 to 5.30 (ends Jan 4).

Music

Hallé Orchestra: Peter Donohoe, piano, conducted by Mark Elder; Manchester Free Trade Hall, Manchester; 7.30.

SNO Viennese Night; City Hall, Glasgow, 7.30.

General

New Year Cycle Rides: with the Cyclists' Touring Club, leaving from the York Railway Station, 9.30 and 10.

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France Fr	9.83	9.33
Germany Dm	2.985	2.815
Greece Dr	236	215
Hong Kong $	11.80	11.30
Ireland Pt	1.10	1.04
Italy Lira	2080	1960
Japan Yen	248	234
Netherlands Gld	3.36	3.18
Norway Kr	11.35	10.75
Portugal Esc	223	211
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.00
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Roads

London and the South-east: B160: Road width reduced at Larkshall Rd, Endlebury Rd junction, Chingford. B323: Diversions on Horseferry Rd between Gt Peter St and Chadwick St, Westminster. A6: Work and temporary lights at Ampthill Rd, Bedford.

The Midlands: A50: Diversion at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire. A1: Contraflow at Gt Ponton, S of Grantham, Lincolnshire. A1: Restrictions N of Newark at Markham Moor, Nottinghamshire.

Wales and the west: A4: Temporary lights along the causeway, Chippenham. A38/A358: Delays on link road to M5 junction 25 at Taunton. A55 Gwynedd: 24 hour lights at Penmaenmawr between Llanfairfechan and Conwy.

The North: M6: Contraflow between junctions 29 and 32 (Preston/M55 interchange). M1: Delays between junctions 31 and 33 (Worksop/Rotherham). M63 Greater Manchester: Restrictions between junctions 1 and 7 (M62/A57).

Scotland: M8: Outside lane closed eastbound between junctions 17 and 15 (Dumbarton/Townhead). A94: Bypass construction SW of Forfar, Angus. A82: Single line traffic and temporary lights S of Ardlui, Dumbartonshire.

Anniversaries

TODAY

Births: **Pietro Antonio Metastasio**, poet, Rome, 1698; **Robert Whitehead**, inventor, Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, 1823; **Clement Attlee**, 1st Earl Attlee, Prime Minister 1945-51, London, 1883; **Herbert Morrison**, Baron Morrison of Lambeth, Brixton, London, 1888.

Deaths: **Josiah Wedgwood**, potter, Burslem, Staffordshire, 1795; **William Harrison Ainsworth**, historical novelist, Reigate, Surrey, 1882; **James Elroy Flecker**, poet, Davos, Switzerland, 1915; **William Joyce**, (Lord Haw-Haw), traitor, executed, London, 1946; **Edwin Muir**, writer, Cambridge, 1959.

TOMORROW

Births: **James Ussher**, Archbishop of Armagh, chronologist who dated the world's creation at 4004 BC, Dublin, 1581; **Giovanni Pergolesi**, composer, Iesi, Italy, 1710; **Louis Braille**, inventor of the system of that name, Coupvray, France, 1809; **Sir Isaac Pitman**, inventor of a shorthand system, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, 1813; **Augustus John**, painter, Tenby, 1878.

Deaths: **Stephen Hales**, clergyman, pioneer of plant physiology, Teddington, Middlesex, 1761; **Henri Bergson**, philosopher, Nobel laureate 1928, Paris, 1941; **Albert Camus**, novelist, Sens, France, 1960; **Erwin Schrodinger**, physicist, Nobel laureate 1933, Vienna, 1961; **T. S. Eliot**, London, 1965; **Donald Campbell**, killed when his speedboat crashed on Coniston Water, Cumbria, 1967.

Severn Bridge tolls

Tolls at the Severn Bridge will be increased tomorrow from 20p to 50p for cars and from 40p to £1 for lorries and coaches. Motorcycles, previously charged 10p, will be able to travel free of charge.

WEATHER

An anticyclone will drift slowly S into France, with a warm front approaching NW Scotland in the evening. There will be a widespread frost at first, severe in some northern regions. Much of the country will have a bright, dry, rather cold day. However, cloud will increase over N Ireland, W and N Scotland and may bring a little rain in the evening. Elsewhere, frost is likely to return as soon as the sun goes down. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Milder weather with rain spreading to most places on Sunday, brighter with some showers on Monday.

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Portfolio —Gold—

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37	+6	+4	+3	+3		
38	+2	+6	+3	+1		
39	+2	+4	+5	+4		
40	+3	+5	+3	+4		
41	+2	+4	+3	+3		
42	+3	+5	+3	+2		
43	+4	+5	+3	+3		
44	+1	+2	+4	+3		

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	F	
Scarboro	-	.52	5	41	rain
Bridlington	-	.32	6	43	rain
Cromer	-	.27	7	45	drizzle
Lowestoft	-	.18	7	45	rain
Clacton	-	.43	8	46	rain
Southend	-	.44	9	48	rain
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Hastings	-	.61	11	52	rain
Eastbourne	-	.79	11	52	rain
Brighton	-	.74	9	48	rain
Worthing	-	.73	11	52	rain
Littlehmptn	-	.73	11	52	rain
Bognor R	-	.70	11	52	rain
Southsea	-	.56	11	52	rain
Sandown	-	.65	11	52	rain
Shanklin	*				
Bournemth	-	.68	11	52	rain
Poole	-	.64	11	52	dull
Swanage	-	.81	11	52	shower
Weymouth	-	.61	11	52	cloudy
Exmouth	0.7	.39	11	52	shower
Teignmouth	0.9	.39	11	52	cloudy
Torquay	0.6	.47	11	52	bright
Falmouth	*				
Penzance	2.3	.50	12	54	rain
Scilly Isles	2.9	.47	11	52	sunny
Jersey	-	.92	12	54	rain
Guernsey	-	.62	12	54	rain
Newquay	1.4	.37	11	52	rain
Ilfracombe	*	.73	13	55	shower
B'pool Airpt	-	.37	8	46	rain
Morecambe	-	.26	7	45	rain
Douglas	-	.38	8	46	rain
B'ham Airpt	-	.49	10	50	rain
Bristol (Ctrl)	0.1	.63	11	52	rain
Carlisle	-	.51	5	41	rain
London	-	.44	11	52	rain
Manchester	-	.35	8	46	rain
N'ctl-n-Tyne	-	.67	5	41	rain
Nottingham	-	.59	8	46	rain
Anglesey	0.6	.41	9	48	drizzle
Cardiff (Ctrl)	0.9	.89	10	50	rain
Colwyn Bay	*	.21	10	50	drizzle
Tenby	1.6	.94	11	52	cloudy
Aberdeen	-	.09	4	39	sleet
Edinburgh	-	.39	5	41	sleet
Eskdalemuir	-	.56	3	37	snow
Glasgow	-	.39	5	41	snow
Kinloss	-	.02	4	39	sleet
Lerwick	*				
Prestwick	-	.14	5	41	rain
Stornoway	-	.09	4	39	rain
Tiree	-	.20	5	41	rain
Wick	-	.01	5	41	cloudy
Belfast	0.2	.16	7	45	rain

These are Thursday's figures
*Figures not available

LIGHTING-UP TIME

TODAY
London 4.34 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.44 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.21 pm to 8.13 am
Manchester 4.32 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 5.02 pm to 7.51 am

TOMORROW
London 4.35 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.45 pm to 7.45 am
Edinburgh 4.23 pm to 8.13 am
Manchester 4.33 pm to 7.54 am
Penzance 5.03 pm to 7.51 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	6	43	Guernsey	f	9	48
B'mgham	c	5	41	Inverness	s	0	32
Blackpool	f	7	45	Jersey	c	10	50
Bristol	r	8	46	London	c	8	46
Cardiff	d	7	45	M'nchster	c	5	41
Edinburgh	c	5	41	Newcastle	c	5	41
Glasgow	r	4	39	R'nldsway	s	6	43

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F) ; min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F) Humidity: 6 pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05 in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1015.6 millibars, rising
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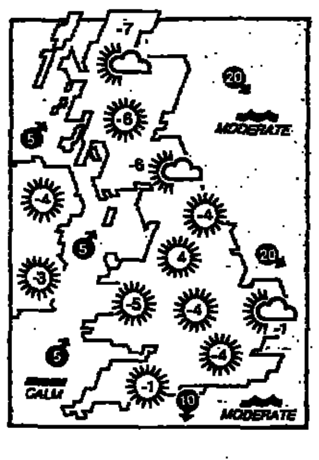

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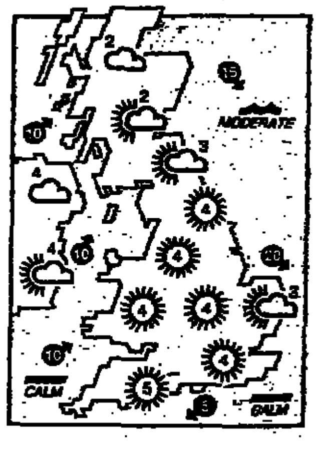


TODAY

Sun rises: 8.06 am
Sun sets: 4.04 pm
Moon rises: 10.42 am
Moon sets: 8.32 pm
First quarter January 6

TOMORROW

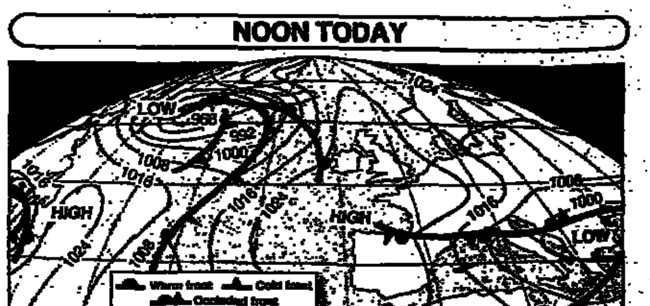
Sun rises: 8.06 am
Sun sets: 4.05 pm
Moon rises: 10.56 am
Moon sets: 9.57 pm
First quarter January 6

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.48	7.1	4.19	7.5	London Bridge	4.34	7.1	5.06	7.3
Aberdeen	3.32	4.3	3.31	4.5	Aberdeen	4.24	4.2	4.20	4.3
Avonmouth	9.29	13.2	9.53	12.8	Avonmouth	10.14	12.9	10.37	12.3
Belfast	12.53	3.5	1.10	3.9	Belfast	1.47	3.4	2.02	3.8
Cardiff	9.14	12.2	9.38	11.8	Cardiff	9.59	11.9	10.22	11.4
Devonport	8.15	5.6	8.47	5.2	Devonport	8.59	5.5	9.28	5.1
Dover	12.55	6.7	1.19	6.5	Dover	1.38	6.6	2.06	6.3
Falmouth	7.45	5.4	8.17	5.0	Falmouth	8.29	5.3	8.58	4.9
Glasgow	2.47	4.7	2.57	5.3	Glasgow	3.35	4.7	3.41	5.2
Harwich	1.38	3.9	2.08	4.1	Harwich	2.23	3.8	2.56	4.0
Holyhead	12.14	5.5	12.28	5.8	Holyhead	1.04	5.3	1.17	5.7
Hull	8.32	7.3	8.36	7.6	Hull	9.19	7.0	9.19	7.5
Ilfracombe	8.11	9.4	8.36	8.9	Ilfracombe	9.00	9.1	9.22	8.6
Leith	4.40	5.6	4.58	5.6	Leith	5.31	5.5	5.50	5.5
Liverpool	1.09	9.3	1.28	9.6	Liverpool	1.57	9.1	2.16	9.4
Lowestoft	11.51	2.4	11.40	2.8	Lowestoft	-	-	12.45	2.3
Margate	1.55	4.8	2.33	4.9	Margate	2.42	4.7	3.22	4.7
Milford Haven	8.29	7.3	8.54	6.8	Milford Haven	9.15	7.1	9.39	6.5
Newquay	7.20	7.2	7.46	6.8	Newquay	8.08	7.1	8.33	6.5
Oban	7.55	4.1	8.16	3.7	Oban	8.42	4.0	8.56	3.5
Penzance	7.19	5.7	7.53	5.3	Penzance	8.06	5.6	8.37	5.2
Portland	9.05	2.5	9.41	2.1	Portland	9.43	2.3	10.22	1.9
Portsmouth	1.26	4.7	1.33	4.6	Portsmouth	2.15	4.7	2.20	4.5
Shoreham	1.13	6.3	1.25	6.3	Shoreham	2.00	6.3	2.14	6.1
Southampton	12.51	4.6	1.01	4.5	Southampton	1.42	4.6	1.52	4.4
Swansea	8.33	9.6	8.56	9.1	Swansea	9.19	9.3	9.38	8.7
Tees	5.54	5.4	5.58	5.6	Tees	6.45	5.2	6.48	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	1.30	4.1	2.04	4.3	W'ton-on-Nze	2.16	4.1	2.51	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

NOON TODAY



ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Cologne	c	7	45	Majorca	s	18	64	Rome	f	16	61
Akrotiri	s	18	64	C'phagn				Malaga	s	16	61	Salzburg	r	5	41
Alex'dria	c	17	63	Corfu	f	14	57	Malta	c	15	59	S F'risco*	f	10	50
Algiers	s	17	63	Dublin	c	6	43	Melb'rne	s	30	86	Santiago*	s	30	86
Amst'dm	c	3	37	Dubrovnik	c	13	55	Mexico C*	s	16	61	S Paulo*	f	29	84
Athens	s	16	61	Faro	f	17	63	Miami*	f	24	75	Seoul	r	3	37
Bahrain	f	16	61	Florence	c	13	55	Milan	fg	2	36	Sing'por	f	30	86
Barbados*	s	27	81	Frankfurt	c	7	45	Montreal*	f	-6	21	St'kholm	sn	-14	7
Barcelona	s	15	59	Funchal	c	17	63	Moscow	s	-15	5	Strasb'rg	c	6	43
Beirut				Geneva	r	6	43	Munich	f	3	37	Sydney	c	24	75
Belgrade	r	8	46	Gibraltar				Nairobi	f	25	77	Tangier	c	14	57
Berlin	sn	-5	23	Helsinki	s	-22	-8	Naples	c	15	59	Tel aviv			
Bermuda*	f	18	64	Hong K	c	21	70	N Delhi	s	18	64	Tenerife	s	20	68
Biarritz	f	12	54	Innsbrck	f	7	45	N York*	c	2	36	Tokyo	sn	5	41
Bord'x	f	12	54	Istanbul	f	11	52	Nice	s	19	66	Toronto*	c	1	34
Boul'ne				Jeddah	s	27	81	Oslo	s	-15	5	Tunis	s	16	61
Brussels	c	7	45	Jo'burg*	f	24	75	Paris	r	6	43	Valencia	s	17	63
Budapest	c	6	43	Karachi	s	23	73	Peking	s	-4	25	Vanc'ver	c	8	46
B Aires				L Palmas	f	19	66	Perth	s	25	77	Venice	c	5	41
Cairo	f	19	66	Lisbon	c	16	61	Prague	f	6	43	Vienna	c	7	45
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Locarno	f	13	55	Reykjvk	f	1	34	Warsaw	sn	-10	14
C'blanca	s	16	61	L Angels*	c	14	57	Rhodes	s	17	63	Wash'ton*	c	3	37
Chicago*	sn	-1	30	Luxembg	c	4	39	Rio de J	s	32	90	Wel'nton	s	18	64
Ch'church	s	21	70	Madrid	fg	2	36	Riyadh				Zurich	f	4	39

* denotes Thursday's figures are latest available

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1320.2 (+6.3)
FT-SE 100
1681.1 (+2.1)
Bargains
19640 (22524)
USM (Datastream)
131.12 (+0.05)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4920 (+0.0095)
W German mark
2.8579 (+0.0093)
Trade-weighted
69.5 (+0.3)

New share record on Wall St

New York (Reuter) – The New York Stock Exchange said that stock volume last year totalled a record 35.68 billion shares, up 29.7 per cent from the previous year's record 27.51 billion shares.

The value of shares traded last year rose to $1,370 billion (£925.68 billion) from $970.50 billion (£655.74 billion) in 1985.

The exchange reported that the December volume was a monthly record at 3.26 billion shares. the previous record, in April, was 3.24 billion.

The bond volume for the year was a record $10.48 billion.

New £1bn gilts issue

The Bank of England yesterday announced a new issue of £1 billion of gilt-edged stock. It is to make a tender issue next Wednesday of 10 per cent Treasury 1994. The new stock is a conventional one partly designed to respond to interest from overseas buyers. Interest will be free of tax to residents overseas.

Horten sales up by 12%

Horten, the West German retailer, reported a 12.9 per cent rise in parent company turnover to DM2.76 billion in the 10 months to December 31 compared with the corresponding period.

The 10-month period completes the business year for Horten, which will be reporting on a calendar basis from this year. The company made a parent company net loss of $84.4 million in 1985-86.

Horten is 51 per cent owned by BATIG Gesellschaft fuer Beteiligungen, a wholly-owned subsidiary of BAT Industries.

Cheap loans

The Dutch bank, Nederlandsche Middenstands Bank NV, has set up a cheap credit facility for new companies after the abolition of a similar government scheme.

30% inflation

Turkey's inflation rate in 1986 was 30.7 per cent on retail prices (44.2 per cent in 1985) and 24.6 per cent on *wholesale prices* (38.2 per cent).

Bank acts

South Africa *has doubled* the limit on issued share capital and reserves for foreign-owned banks to Rand40 million in a "liberalization measure," the Reserve Bank announced in Johannesburg.

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Shareholders demand contingency plan for chair

City pressure on Guinness

By Lawrence Lever

Large institutional shareholders in Guinness are pressing for a contingency plan *should* Mr Ernest Saunders, its chairman and chief executive, be forced *to resign* over the Government's investigation into the brewing and leisure group.

The largest institutions, including the Prudential, Mercury Warburg Investment *Management* and Norwich Union, are in contact with the four non-executive directors.

The shareholders are concerned that the non-executive directors should form a contingency plan, which encompasses *not only* the potential departure of Mr Saunders but also that of other directors and advisers.

No official comment was forthcoming from the largest shareholders yesterday but a spokesman *for* one shareholder said: "Contingency plans must be put into place.

"We expect the non-executive directors to have them. There must be arrangements for who is to run the company *and how it will be run if* there is a change of management.

"This is exactly the sort of situation where the non-executive directors earn their keep.

"We are not calling for Mr Saunders's head."

The institutions have voiced their support for the non-executive directors and offered their assistance if necessary. "If they *need to* talk, then we would be happy to listen," one shareholder said.

The shareholders have also had informal talks among themselves on what strategy to adopt in the light of the Department of Trade and Industry's investigation into *the company*.

The Guinness non-executive directors are widely believed to have the power to remove Mr Saunders from office. Mr Saunders occupies the position of chairman and chief-executive of the company, after the decision by the Guinness board last year – subsequently endorsed by shareholders – not to appoint Sir Thomas Risk as chairman.

The non-executive directors of Guinness are Sir David Plastow, managing director *and chief executive* of Vickers, Mr Ian MacLaurin, chairman of Tesco, Sir Norman Macfarlane, chairman of Macfarlane Group and Mr Anthony Greener, managing director of Alfred Dunhill.

A meeting between the non-executive directors and the large shareholders appears likely although none has yet been arranged.

The Prudential and Mercury Warburg Investment Management are the largest shareholders in the company with about 5 per cent each. Norwich Union is the third largest shareholder with a 4 per cent stake.

There is widespread discontent among former Distillers shareholders who accepted Guinness shares in the hope that Mr Saunders and his team would improve the performance of Distillers quickly.

Even after yesterday's rise to 300p, Guinness shares are on a similar rating to Distillers' before the bid took place.

Next week the Government's investigation steps up when the inspectors interview a Guinness director involved in the bid for Distillers. The interview will be conducted on oath

Pure genius? A reflective sip for embattled Guinness chairman Ernest Saunders

Abbey first to offer unsecured personal loans

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The Abbey National yesterday became the first building society to offer unsecured personal loans after the introduction of new powers for the societies on New Year's Day.

Abbey also announced its entry into estate agency with the acquisiton of Gordon Hudson, the Hertfordshire and north London agency.

A new company, Abbey National Personal Finance, has been established to handle the society's unsecured lending and its first product is a fixed rate loan for a specific period of time.

The loans operate exactly like personal loans from a bank and are for amounts from £500 to £5,000 and can be used *for any purpose*. The loans can be sought at branches or by telephone or letter and the response is rapid, being based on a system of credit scoring.

Abbey customers, borrowers or lenders, receive a preferential interest rate currently set at an annual rate of 20.9 per cent for amounts higher than £1,500. Non-members will be charged 22.9 per cent – around three percentage points more than a *similar sort of loan from most* banks.

Mr John Bayliss, the general manager, said: "We are not *interested in starting a price* war. We are starting cautiously with the aim of lending £100 million to £200 million in the first year on unsecured loans, and we have no plans for further new products until we *have seen how this one* goes."

Abbey received seven applications for loans by 10 am yesterday. Other large societies are expected to follow the Abbey's lead soon.

The new powers for societies to move into unsecured lending and owning estate agencies are contained in the Building Societies Act.

Kinnock asked for evidence

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Corporate and Consumer Affairs, yesterday sharply rejected an allegation in Mr Neil Kinnock's New Year message that the Government was reluctant to pursue City wrong-doers, and accused Labour of trying to blacken the name of a key sector of British industry.

The Labour leader had said the Government was reluctant to act against "City slickers and insider dealers"

Mr Howard said it was clear the Government was determined to take whatever action necessary to deal with misconduct. Its actions in recent weeks demonstrated this.

He said Mr Kinnock's allegation was very serious and implied that he had evidence of wrong-doing against which no action had been taken. If he had such evidence, he should pass it to the authorities. If not, he should "shut up".

Howard: 'serious allegation'

Pilkington bid ruling postponed

By Alison Eadie

Pilkington Brothers, the glassmaker defending itself against a £1.2 billion bid from BTR, will not be required to make a profit forecast by today's deadline, as the Takeover Panel has agreed to an *extension of the* bid timetable.

The City had prepared itself for an impressive forecast, swiftly followed by a higher bid from BTR, and marked Pilkington shares down 8p to 657p yesterday in disappointment over the delay.

The Office of Fair Trading's failure to decide whether the bid should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission persuaded the Panel to extend the 39th day, the last day for a profit forecast, until two days after the OFT's decision is announced.

The same extension has been granted to Simon Engineering, on the receiving end of a £173 million bid from *shelf company Valuedale.*

Valuedale's bid takes the form of a management buy-in where existing shareholders keep a stake in the company and sell part of their holding to the incoming management. *Simon's 39th day* was yesterday.

The Panel said a decision by the OFT on Pilkington was unlikely to be reached for at least another nine days. The Panel will review its decision *if there is no announcement* by the OFT by January 15.

Genscher warning on trade war

Bonn (AP-Dow Jones) – Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, yesterday sounded a warning over the possibility of a trade war between the US and the EEC following the US decision to impose 200 per cent tariffs on some EEC products.

"That is the last thing we need," Herr Genscher said in a radio interview in Cologne.

But the West German *Economics Minister*, Herr Martin Bangemann, said the US move was done for show and would not have much effect on West German agriculture.

The US Trade Representative, Mr Clayton Yeutter, said on Tuesday that the new import duties would be imposed from the end of January unless an agreement was reached on compensation for US grain markets lost when Spain and *Portugal* joined the EEC last year.

The tariffs would affect goods including white wine, gin, brandy, cheese, olives, carrots and tinned ham.

"All political efforts must be undertaken in the next few weeks between the United States and Europe to clear this problem out of the way." The entry of Spain and Portugal into the EEC was not a sufficient reason for the US action.

"The US must also respect the fact that the EEC is spending considerable financial means to make Spain and Portugal economically stable after they shook off dictatorship," Herr Genscher said.

"This is in the interest of the Western alliance, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization," he added.

Herr Bangemann, in a newspaper *interview with the Neue Osnabruecker Zeitung*, called the US action "theatrical thunder." The US attempts to reduce West German machinetool imports "are much more dangerous *than the* threatened tariff increases."

Investors in US buy into Britoil

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Investors in the United States are increasing their holdings in Britoil as the company is attempting to sell it assets in America.

Figures given to the New York Stock Exchange show that 13.2 per cent of Britoil's shares are now held by US *investors , a rise of one* per cent.

Britoil was badly affected by the fall in the world oil price but its shares have climbed steadily since prices started rising after the Opec agreement last month.

It trimmed its staff in Glasgow, Aberdeen and Houston and now, with oil prices rising, it has emerged as a likely take-over target.

The range of assets it has assembled in the United States, the Middle East and the Far East, are making it attractive and investors in the United States have increased their holdings in the company *despite the fact that its port*folio of oil and gas holdings are now on the market.

Britoil paid $157 million *(£106 million) for* its American assets and when it put them on the market it was made clear that this was not a "distress sale."

The assets in the United States were put on the market after the appointment of Mr David Walker as chief executive *of Britoil. He has* extensive experience in the Middle East – and that is where the thrust of Britoil's future expansion is likely to take place.

It was his predecessor, Mr Ian Clarke, who built up Britoil's American holdings.

The US interests account for only 0.8 per cent of Britoil's oil assets but 9.7 per cent of its gas holdings.

The company recently undertook a redundancy programme.

Rebuff for Demerger

Demerger Two yesterday posted its offer document to London and Northern *shareholders again* stressing that L&N's constituent parts were worth more than the total value placed on the group by the stock market.

Mr Charles Mackenzie, a director of L&N, said there was nothing new in the document to change the board's rejection of the £90 million offer.

He said Demerger's arguments were commercially unconvincing and most unlikely to receive the 90 per cent approval necessary for the *proposed restructuring.*

He added that there was no reason for L&N shareholders to give away 10.8 per cent of the company in options to Demerger consortium members at less than a third of the market value.

Demerger proposes to split L&N into four new quoted companies covering the group's four operational fields.

Murdoch setback on H&WT bid

By Our City Staff

Mr Rupert Murdoch, News Corporation's chief executive, yesterday suffered a setback in his takeover campaign for the Herald and Weekly Times, Australia's biggest media group, when the H&WT board *announced it had transferred* its support to a rival bid by Mr Robert Holmes à Court, chairman of the Bell Group.

Mr John Dahlsen, chairman of H&WT, said in a letter to the Melbourne stock exchange that the board was recommending acceptance of the revised Aus$2.1 billion (£945 million) cash and scrip offer made by Mr Holmes à Court on New Year's day.

A month ago, the board gave its backing to Mr Murdoch's Aus$1.9 billion offer for the newspaper, television and radio group built up by his father, Sir Keith Murdoch.

Mr Murdoch said the H&WT decision "defies logic". He said Mr Dahlsen had told him it had come down to a choice between the News Corporation offer of convertible notes, and the Holmes à *Court* Aus$13.50 cash offer.

"By any evaluation the News Corporation convertible note offer is worth more than Aus$13.50 based on this week's markets," Mr Murdoch said. In these circumstances, News Corportaion believed that "shareholders should be allowed to choose for themselves where their best future interests lie".

Mr Murdoch also told reporters after meeting the H&WT board yesterday that he would not increase his offer "because I already have the best bid". There was immediate speculation among stock market analysts, however, that News Corporation would make a higher offer.

Mr Holmes à Court had given the board until 5pm *yesterday to approve the new* bid, which raised his original offer by 50c to Aus$13.50 a share and increased the scrip alternatives.

Mr Dahlsen said he could understand that Mr Murdoch might be "upset" by the board's decision, but he said it was conditional on no better offer being received.

"This recommendation could also change in the event *of there being any material* and sustainable movement in the share prices of either of the offerors," H&WT said.

Mr Murdoch's bid is Aus$12 a share cash with a scrip alternative of two shares in News Corporation for every three H&WT shares, worth about Aus$13.93 per H&WT stock.

Kentucky franchise 'investments in jeopardy'

Finger-lickin' fight

By Our City Staff

A *dispute over the closures* of franchised outlets has broken out at Kentucky Fried Chicken, the finger-lickin' fast food franchise chain.

A group called the Kentucky Fried Chicken Franchisee Association, which *claims to* represent more than 260 of about 320 British outlets, said yesterday that the franchisees' "personal investment of £40 million" in the franchise was "in serious jeopardy."

The group, in a statement, said that about 60 franchised outlets had been closed in the past six months. It claimed that the company had introduced a policy of making *the KFC* franchise into a restaurant-type chain and that *this would necessitate the* closure of a further 200 *outlets.*

KFC denied that it planned to close so many *outlets. It* said: "KFC is committed to *expanding its business* in Great Britain." It admitted, *however,* that "some units" had to be closed – "to improve standards."

It added: "There will be *some others which cannot* be improved that will have to close, and still more that will have to be relocated to new sites."

The president of the KFC Franchisee Association, Mr Harry Latham, *who bought* the British rights from KFC's renowned founder, Colonel Harland Sanders, in 1965, said yesterday: "The whole *thing is very sad. All* we want is that those franchisees who are making a good living for themselves and the company should be allowed to continue to do so."

The results of the *spate* of closures of KFC outlets can already be seen throughout the country. Franchisees no longer having a franchise agreement have kept their shops open – but under slightly different names.

According to Mr Latham, all former KFC shops in Scotland have continued trading under *the name of* "Mississippi Fried Chicken."

South of the border, 23 *former* KFC *stores are operat*ing as "Favorite Fried Chicken" while a few outlets have changed to "Dixie Fried Chicken."

All this would no doubt cause Colonel Sanders, who *died in 1980 at the age of 90, to* turn in his grave.

***The* colonel *founded the* Kentucky Fried Chicken business when he was 65, and built it into a multi-million dollar empire**

"He was the most marvellous man I have ever met," Mr Latham said. "He was loved by everyone. Most of the deals done with him were not committed to paper."

Mr Latham and his association are also concerned by last month's announcement of an intended joint venture between *Kentucky Fried* Chicken and Trusthouse Forte *to operate the franchise* in this country.

***They* have called for a meeting with Kentucky, and one is is scheduled for the middle of this month.**

KFC franchisees, who have ten-year licence agreements, give 4 per cent of their net turnover – *less the VAT* – to the company, while a further 3 per cent *goes to an advertising* fund.

The association claims that in many recent cases KFC has not renewed licences.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1914.23 (+18.28)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	Closed
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2540.06 (–28.24)
Amsterdam: Gen	277.5 (–0.9)
Sydney: AO	1486.8 (+14.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	Closed
Brussels:	
General	4038.19 (–57.42)
Paris: CAC	392.0 (–5.8)
Zurich: SKA Gen	558.10 (same)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	84.76 (+1.14)
Closing prices	**Page 25**

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%
3-month Interbank 11-10$\frac{15}{16}$%
3-month eligible bills:10$\frac{11}{16}$-$\frac{21}{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 7½%
Federal Funds 6¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.56-5.54%*
30-year bonds 100$\frac{11}{16}$-100¾*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.4920	$: £1.4910*
£: DM2.8579	$: DM1.9175*
£: SwFr2.3962	$: SwFr1.6092*
£: FFr9.4667	$: FFr6.3510*
£: Yen235.89	$: Yen158.20*
£: Index:69.5	$: Index:107.7
ECU £0.724134	SDR £0.831759

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Williams Holdings	575p (+5p)
Wettern Brothers	157p (+16p)
Braithwaite Group	173p (+8p)
Hawker Siddeley	465p (+11p)
Glynwed Int.	317p (+7p)
Thorn EMI	480p (+11p)
Victoria Carpets	135p (+7p)
CD Bramall	143p (+6p)
JA Devenish	206p (+7p)
Guinness	296p (+8p)
Garlunkels	169p (+6p)
Rowntree	409p (+6p)
Tate & Lyle	571p (+8p)
Legal & General	263p (+7p)
Sedgwick Group	311p (+8p)
Conroy Pet.	108p (+12p)
Randsworth	80p (+12p)
FALLS:	
BAT Ind.	459p (–6p)
ICI	1058p (–8p)
Polly Peck Int.	173p (–7p)

Prices are as at 4pm

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $402.40 pm-$403.50
close $403.00-403.50 (£269.75-270.25)
New York:
Comex $403.50-404.00*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb) pm $18.15 bbl($18.10)
* Denotes latest trading price

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WALL STREET

New Year optimism brings buying surge

New York (Agencies) – Stocks welcomed the first New Year trading session with an impressive advance in early trading.

A firm fixed income market, a wave of optimism and a number of buy programs which concentrated on the blue chip issues spurred the rise, according to traders.

The Dow Jones industrial average leapt by 22.08 points to 1,918.03.

Advances led declines by more than seven to one on a volume of 13 million shares.

IBM rose 1⅝ to 121⅝, Kodak ½ to 69⅛, Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing 2¼ to 118, General Electric 1⅞ to 87⅝ and Merck 1½ to 125.

Many other shares also recorded sharp advances. Although trading was not heavy, buyers were in clear command.

The transportation index jumped 8.48 points to 815.65, and the utilities index was up *2.2 points to 208.03.*

	Dec 31	Dec 30		Dec 31	Dec 30		Dec 31	Dec 30
AMR	53⅜	53½	Firestone	27⅛	27⅛	Pfizer	61	61¼
ASA	37½	55½	Fst Chicago	28¾	29¾	*Phelps Dge*	20¾	20¾
Allied Signal	40	40	Fst Int Bncp	52	52½	Philip Mrs	72½	72¾
Allied Strs	65½	68½	Fst Penn C	9	8⅞	Phillips Pet	11¾	11⅞
Allis Chlmrs	2⅝	2¾	Ford	59½	57¾	Polaroid	68½	66¾
Alcoa	33⅛	33⅛	FT Wachva	38¾	38⅞	PPG Ind	72⅞	72¾
Amax Inc	12⅛	12	GAF Corp	35¼	37¼	Prctr Gmbl	76¾	77¼
Am'rda Hs	23¾	23¾	*GTE Corp*	59⅞	58¾	*Pb S E & G*	40¼	40¾
Am Brands	42½	42	Gen Corp	74½	72	Raytheon	67¼	67¾
Am Can	84⅛	84¼	Gen Dy'mcs	67¾	68	Rynlds Met	40	40
Am Cynm'd	78	79	Gen Electric	86	87¾	Rockwell Int	45¾	45¾
Am El Pwr	27½	27¾	Gen Inst	18¾	18¼	Royal Dutch	95½	95
Am Express	56⅞	57⅛	Gen Mills	43¼	42¾	Sara Lee	34	34
Am Home	76½	78¾	Gen Motors	66	66	*SFE Sopac*	29¾	29½
Am Motors	3	3	Gn Pb Ut ny	22¾	22¾	Schl'berger	31¾	31¾
Am St'nrd	42⅞	42⅞	Genesco	3¾	3¼	Scott Paper	62¼	62¾
Am Teleph	25⅛	25⅛	Georgia Pac	37	37¾	Seagram	60¾	61¼
Amoco	65½	66¾	Gillete	49¼	48¾	Sears Rbck	39¾	40¾
Armco Steel	5⅛	5⅛	Goodrich	42⅞	44	Shell Trans	58½	57⅞
Asarco	14⅝	14¾	Goodyear	42	41⅝	Singer	37¾	38¾
Ashland Oil	56	56⅛	Gould Inc	16½	17½	Smthkln Bk	95¾	94⅞
At Richfield	60⅛	61	Grace	48¾	49¾	Sony	20½	20¾
Avon Prods	27⅛	27	Gt Atl & Tac	23¾	22⅞	Sth Cal Ed	34	34
Bkrs Tst NY	45⅛	45¾	Gr'hnd	31	31¼	S'Wstn Bell	112¼	112¾
Bankamer	14⅞	14⅝	Gruman Cor	24½	25¼	Std Oil	49¾	49⅞
Bk of Bston	40	41⅛	Gulf & West	63¾	63⅛	Sterling Drg	46¾	46⅝
Bank of NY	38⅞	39	Heinz H.J.	40¼	40¼	Stevens JP	37⅞	33
Beth Steel	6⅝	6⅛	Hercules	50¾	51¼	Sun Comp	64¼	55¾
Boeing	51⅛	52	H'lett-Pkrd	41¾	42¾	Teledyne	301¾	297¾
Bse Cascde	59¾	60¾	Honeywell	59⅝	59½	Tenneco	36¼	38
Brden	46⅞	46¾	IC Inds	23¾	23	Texaco	35	35
Bg Warner	35⅝	38½	Ingersoll	55¼	56⅛	Texas E Cor	27¾	27½
Brist Myers	82¾	83¾	Inland Steel	18¾	18¾	Texas Inst	118¾	118¾
BP	43¼	43	IBM	120¾	120½	Texas Utils	31½	31¾
Burl'ton Ind	41½	41¾	INCO	11¾	11¾	Textron	63	63¾
Burl'ton Ntn	53⅞	53¾	Int Paper	75¾	76¼	Travlrs Cor	44¾	44¾
Brunswick	34¾	34¼	Int Tel Tel	53¾	54	TRW Inc	84¾	85
Cmpbell Sp	57	57¾	Irving Bank	45⅞	46¼	UAL Inc	52¼	53¼
Can Pacific	12¾	12¾	Jhnsn & Jhn	65¾	66¾	*Unilever NV*	237¾	235¾
Caterpiller	40¾	39¾	Kaiser Alum	13⅛	13½	Unisys	80	80½
Celanese	240½	240	Kerr McGee	28¼	28¾	Un Carbide	22¾	22¾
Central SW	34¼	34¾	Kmb'ly Clrk	79¾	81¼	Un Pac Cor	62¾	62½
Champion	30¾	31¼	K Mart	43¾	43¾	Utd Brands	33¼	33¼
Chase Man	35⅞	36¼	Kroger	29¾	29½	USG Corp	37¾	38
Chm Bk NY	42¾	43¾	L.T.V. Corp	1¾	1¾	*Utd Technol*	46	46½
Chevron	45¾	45⅞	Litton	74	75	USX Corp	21⅞	21¾
Chrysler	36¾	37⅛	Lockheed	50¾	50¾	Unocal	26¾	26¾
Citicorp	53	53⅛	Lucky Strs	26¾	26	Jim Walter	47¾	48¼
Clark Equip	19¾	19⅛	Man H'nver	45¼	45¼	Wrner Lmbt	58¾	58½
Coca Cola	37¾	38¾	Manville Cp	1¾	1¾	Wells Fargo	101½	102¾
Colgate	40¾	41	*Mapco*	59¾	60	*W'ghse El*	56¾	56
CBS	127	127¼	Marine Mid	45¼	45½	Weyerh'ser	37¾	38½
C'mbia Gas	45¾	45¼	Mrt Marietta	38¾	38¾	Whirlpool	67¼	68¾
Cmb'tn Eng	30¾	30¼	Masco	29¼	29	Woolworth	38¾	39¼
Comwlth Ed	34	33¾	McDonalds	61¾	62¼	Xerox Corp	60¾	60¾
Cons Edis	47½	47	McDonnell	71¼	71⅞	Zenith	21⅞	21⅞
Cn Nat Gas	32¾	32¾	Mead	54¾	55			
Cons Power	15¾	15¾	Merck	123¾	126⅝			
Cntrl Data	26⅛	26⅛	Mnsta Mng	117	116⅝			
Corning Gl	54¾	55¼	Mobil Oil	40¾	40½	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
CPC Intl	79¾	79	Monsanto	76¾	76¾			
Crane	34¼	34	Morgan J.P.	82¾	83¾	Agnico Eag	26¾	25¾
Curtiss Wrt	52¾	53	*Motorola*	35¾	35¾	*Alcn Alum*	38¾	38¾
Data Genl.	29¾	29¾	NCR Corp	44½	45	Algoma Stl	11	10¾
Deere	22¾	23¼	NL Indstrs	5⅛	5¾	Can Pacific	17¾	17¾
Delta Air	48¼	48¼	Nat Distlrs	42¾	42¾	Cominco	13¼	13⅛
Detroit Ed	16¾	16¾	Nat Med Ent	22½	22⅝	Con Bathrst	30½	30¾
Digital Eq	104¾	105⅞	Nat Smcndt	10¼	10¾	Hkr/Sid Can	25¾	26¾
Disney	43¾	42¾	*Norfolk Sth*	84¾	84¾	*Hdsn B Min*	23¼	22¾
Dow Chem	58¾	59¾	NW Bancrp	36¾	37	Imasco	32¾	32¾
Dresser Ind	19¾	19¾	Occidnt Pet	27¾	27¾	Imperial Oil	51¼	51¾
Duke Power	45¼	45¾	Ogden	40	42¾	In Pipe	40	40
Du Pont	84¼	85¾	Olin Corp	41	41	Ryl Trustco	29¾	30
Estm Kodak	68⅞	68¾	Owens-Ill	52½	52¼	Seagram	83¾	84¾
Eaton Corp	73¼	73¼	*Pac Gas El*	24¼	24¼	*Steel Co*	19¼	19¼
Emerson El	83¾	85¼	Pan Am	4¼	4⅛	Thmsn N 'A'	30½	30¼
Emery Air	11¾	11¼	Penney J.C.	72¼	72⅛	Varity Corp	2.85	2.70
Exxon Corp	70¾	71⅞	Pennzoil	67	66¾	WCT	13	13
Fed Dpt Sts	83¼	82¾	Pepsico	26	26	Weston	35½	35

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Nov 17	Nov 28	Feb 19	Mar 2
Dec 1	Dec 12	Mar 5	Mar 16
Dec 15	Jan 2	Mar 19	Mar 30

Call options were taken out on: 2/1/87 Norfolk Capital, Citer, Amstrad, Fergebrook, Stormguard, Renold, Ferranti, Acorn, KCA, North Kalgurli Mines, Stockley, Rockware, Audiotronic, Morgan Grenfell, Endeavour, Balmoral, British Benzol.
Puts: Buckley Breweries, Camford Engineering, Norfolk Capital.

What price the middle men?

Agency brokers, expected to lose out in gilts after Big Bang, may still have a role to play as competition heightens for the best price in the market

A favourite game in the City's wine bars in *1986* was picking the winners and losers after Big Bang. In the gilt-edged market prime *candidates in the losers' category* have been the agency brokers.

Indeed, this perception is one explanation of the popularity of taking on the role of primary market-maker. No fewer than 27 institutions have opted to become primary market-makers. But this rush into market-making may well secure a future for the few remaining agency brokers.

Before Big Bang two jobbers dominated the gilts business and jobbers were vastly outnumbered by brokers, but now market-makers outnumber agency brokers.

This has placed a premium on the traditional broking *principles of "best execution"* and impartial advice, despite the advent of electronic gadgetry designed to make the market more visible.

It is worth reflecting that there has not been the same rush into market-making in the equity market. In a typical widely-traded "alpha" stock, agency brokers outnumber market-makers by about four to one. The ratio in the gilts market is the reverse.

If the consensus that the market is overcrowded and will lead to expensive casualties is correct, one can only conclude that some of the new market-makers have gone through a combination of machismo and masochism. Hope is pinned on a sharp increase in turnover.

Not surprisingly, the new market-makers have tried to boost turnover by emphasizing the advantages of the new system to institutional investors. Freed of the obligation to *deal through brokers, institu*tional investors can deal quickly, cheaply and directly with market-makers.

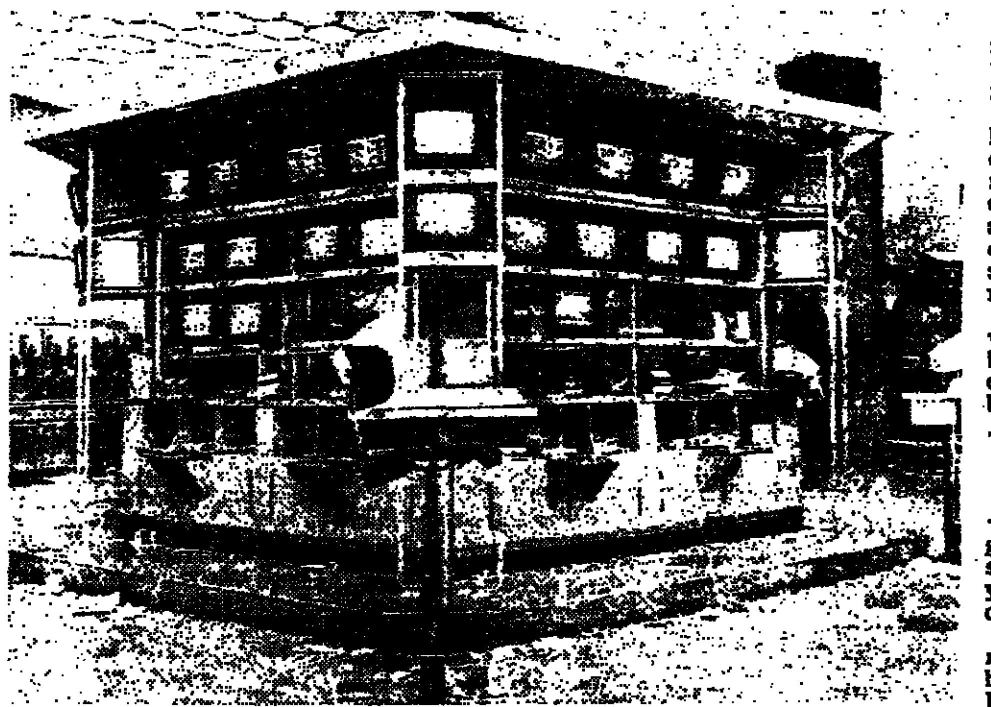
Competition has narrowed spreads, improved liquidity and reduced dealing costs. Institutional investors have access to prices on Topic and Reuter screens and orders can be executed rapidly and directly with market-makers.

All this would seem to make agency brokers obsolescent. But, despite the massive injection of competition, the gilts market is still far from perfectly competitive. There are still significant divergences between market-makers' prices for particular stocks, *which are beyond the reach of* the price screens.

The profusion of market-makers has thus preserved a role for agency brokers on behalf of investors shopping around for the best prices.

Following the gilts market on the SEAQ pages on the Topic system was initially almost as useful as watching a television testcard. The service has improved but, like most market-makers' pages on Topic and Reuter, the prices displayed are indicative rather than firm and reliable dealing prices are often subject to direct negotiation.

By talking to more market-makers, agency brokers frequently find better prices than institutional investors. As a result, agency brokers have *been able to justify their* commissions.



Beyond the screens: an electronic takeover, but is face-to-face dealing best?

Their ability to find better prices has been greatest in volatile trading conditions. Price divergences among market-makers have been much more difficult to find for routine transactions in quiet trading in the widely-traded stocks.

The anonymity of dealing through an agency broker also has attractions for institutions. An institution can conceal its identity from the market-makers, check prices without revealing whether it is buying or selling and so avoid turning the market against itself.

But there is more to investing in the gilts market than finding keen prices and efficient execution of orders.

It is no good buying a stock cheaply if it proceeds to *underperform the market.* Here, those agency brokers who have eschewed the option open to broker-dealers of holding their own positions have the advantage of being seen as a source of impartial advice.

Many institutions remain suspicious that market-makers are more concerned with their own book positions, upon which their profits depend.

The market-makers' information advantage is that they, unlike the agency brokers, have access to the Bank of England and the inter-dealer broker (IDB) network, through which market-makers can deal with each other. However, this may not be as useful as it sounds.

The multiplicity of market-makers makes it more difficult than it was for jobbers under the old system to know how *far new tap issues have been* exhausted.

The new system has made it harder for salesmen working *for market-makers* to follow price movements. Before Big Bang brokers' salesmen could find out the jobbers' prices from their dealers on the floor of the Stock Exchange.

It is their dependence on an institutional order flow which market-makers cite as the reason why – although driven by their own book positions – they cannot afford to give biased recommendations to investors. A market-maker who systematically gives a raw deal to investors would rapidly lose business.

However, this point can easily be exaggerated. Most of the increase in dealing volumes after Big Bang has been between market-makers themselves, making them less reliant on investors for turnover.

So will the agency brokers in the gilts market live to prove the wine bar tipsters wrong? It *is perhaps still too early to tell.*

The fortunes of agency brokers will to a large extent depend on how the primary market-makers fare, for the diversity of prices upon which agency brokers thrive will depend on market-makers surviving the early struggle for market share.

The increase in dealing volumes since Big Bang has been disappointing and most of it resulted from trading between market-makers.

However, perhaps volumes have been subdued because participants are still coming to grips with the new trading systems and the market has yet to be tested by a sharp change in the trend in yields.

Many market-makers, like many institutional investors, have adopted a low profile. But, even if some judge that returns from market-making are inadequate and decide to withdraw, there are many big players, notably the Japanese, waiting in the wings.

As for the agency brokers, increasing numbers of institutional investors have begun to appreciate that they are not merely a throwback to the pre-Big Bang days and may have a continuing role. But competition will mean slim returns.

Commissions have been more than halved and only those with the dealing capability to systematically better the prices that institutional investors can find on their own will survive.

The 1986 wine bar game of *picking winners and losers* will no longer be a trivial pursuit this year.

Mark Cliffe
Chief economist,
Capel-Cure Myers

Call for BES change

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

A request for the Business Expansion Scheme rules to be changed to encourage private investment in run-down inner *city areas was made yesterday* by the London Enterprise Agency (Lenta) in its proposals to the Government for the next Budget.

Lenta has written to Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General, suggesting that the prohibition on the use of the expansion scheme for property investment could be lifted for specific depressed inner city areas. This would *enable the setting up of local* investment schemes in deprived areas.

Lenta seeks also amend*ments to the present tax reliefs* for enterprise agencies and for venture capital loss relief so that companies could claim *tax relief on the donation of* buildings or land. At the same time the local investment companies would enjoy tax relief on profits.

Some of the agency's members have helped set up a company to convert old buildings into small workshops.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Mar 87	89.18	89.44	89.16	89.44	2989
Jun 87	89.52	89.73	89.52	89.73	628
Sep 87	89.66	89.80	89.66	89.80	136
Dec 87	89.54	89.66	89.54	89.67	50
Mar 88	89.35	89.40	89.35	89.44	14
Jun 88	NT	—	—	89.20	0
Previous day's total open interest 14404					
Three Month Eurodollar		Previous day's total open interest 22334			
Mar 87	93.91	93.96	93.91	93.96	963
Jun 87	93.91	93.95	93.91	93.95	199
Sep 87	93.82	93.86	93.81	93.85	175
Dec 87	93.63	93.67	93.63	93.67	191
US Treasury Bond		Previous day's total open interest 3342			
Mar 87	98-00	99-06	97-31	99-01	854
Jun 87	97-04	97-04	97-04	98-04	1
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Short Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 109			
Mar 87	97-48	97-48	97-48	98-30	10
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Long Gilt		Previous day's total open interest 16694			
Mar 87	113-02	115-06	112-29	115-03	16908
Jun 87	113-19	114-06	113-09	115-06	30
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	0
Dec 87	NT	—	—	—	0
FT-SE 100		Previous day's total open interest 2369			
Mar 87	170.70	171.60	170.30	171.60	229
Jun 87	NT	—	—	174.60	0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range January 2	Market rates close January 2	1 month	3 months
N York	1.4830-1.4976	1.4915-1.4925	0.59-0.56prem	1.73-1.68prem
Montreal	2.0465-2.0589	2.0553-2.0589	0.55-0.48prem	1.37-1.21prem
Ams'dam	3.2196-3.2389	3.2291-3.2357	1¾-1⅝prem	4¾-3¾prem
Brussels	59.32-59.72	59.47-59.66	20-15prem	46-37prem
C'phgen	10.7977-10.8496	10.8283-10.8460	1⅝-⅜prem	2⅝-1½prem
Dublin	1.0522-1.0580	1.0543-1.0553	18-27dis	61-80dis
Frankfurt	2.8503-2.8633	2.8570-2.8619	1⅝-1⅜prem	4⅝-4⅛prem
Lisbon	214.59-216.42	215.22-216.11	77-128dis	231-327dis
Madrid	194.27-195.89	194.49-194.92	10-35dis	20-76dis
Milan	1984.25-2000.25	1988.92-1997.71	par-3dis	par-7dis
Oslo	10.8778-10.9482	10.9297-10.9445	2½-3¼dis	11¼-12¾dis
Paris	9.4348-9.4880	9.4651-9.4863	¾prem-¼dis	¾prem-1⅞dis
St'kholm	9.9969-10.0568	10.0398-10.0535	1⅝-1⅛prem	3⅜-2⅝prem
Tokyo	234.61-236.40	235.73-236.11	1⅜-1⅛prem	3⅞-3⅝prem
Vienna	20.06-20.18	20.12-20.17	9¾-8⅝prem	26⅝-23⅝prem
Zurich	2.3906-2.4029	2.3968-2.4029	1¾-1⅝prem	4⅞-3⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 69.5 (day's range 69.1-69.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1.8730-1.8804
Australia dollar	2.2385-2.2418
Bahrain dinar	0.5615-0.5655
Brazil cruzado*	22.1203-22.2457
Cyprus pound	0.7400-0.7500
Finland marka	7.0740-7.1140
Greece drachma	204.85-206.85
Hong Kong dollar	11.603-11.615
India rupee	19.15-19.35
Iraq dinar	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4350-0.4390
Malaysia dollar	3.8732-3.8789
Mexico peso	1340.0-1390.0
New Zealand dollar	2.7992-2.8117
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5855-5.6255
Singapore dollar	3.2354-3.2391
South Africa rand	3.2155-3.2317
U A E dirham	5.4690-5.5090

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4110-1.4130
Singapore	2.1685-2.1695
Malaysia	2.5960-2.5980
Australia	0.6660-0.6686
Canada	1.3780-1.3790
Sweden	6.7325-6.7375
Norway	7.3300-7.3350
Denmark	7.2625-7.2675
West Germany	1.9160-1.9170
Switzerland	1.6060-1.6080
Netherlands	2.1650-2.1670
France	6.3500-6.3600
Japan	158.10-158.20
Italy	1335.0-1337.0
Belgium(Comm)	38.90-38.95
Hong Kong	7.7770-7.7790
Portugal	144.25-144.70
Spain	130.40-130.60
Austria	13.40-13.50

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ashtead (122p)	151 +1
British Gas (50p)	65½ +¾
Cap & Regional (65p)	65 –1
Daniels S (130p)	155
Fletcher King (175p)	176 +1
Gaynor (94p)	107
Geest (125p)	171
Glentree (16p)	51
Gordon Russell (190p)	207
Guthrie Corp (150p)	170 +1
Halls Homes & Gdns (95p)	105
Harmony Leisure (23p)	26
Hornby (100p)	103 –2
Hoskyns Gp (128p)	148 +1
Johnson Fry	160
Lloyds Chemist (105p)	131 –2
Logitek (65p)	67
Lon& Metropolitan (145p)	168
MIL (144p)	146
Mezzanine (150p)	76
Mayborn (102p)	106
Nobo (152p)	153
Nothumbrian Fine (60p)	90
Plum Hldgs (90p)	113
Spandex (170p)	250 +2
Sumit (135p)	138
TSB Chan Isles (70p)	113 +3
TSB Group (100p)	77½ +¾
Virgin (140p)	133½
Ward Group (97p)	102
Wilding Office (135p)	148

RIGHTS ISSUES

Avon Rubber N/P	33 +3
Birm Mint N/P	26 +4
Freshbake N/P	18 +1
Leisure Inv N/P	4
Marling N/P	11
New Court N/P	1¾
Property Tst N/P	1
Parkdale N/P	5 –1
Scanro N/P	4
Walker (Alfred) N/P	

(Issue price in brackets).

MONEY & GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 10⅞ Low 10¼
Week fixed: 10¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying — Selling
2 mnth 10⅝ — 2 mnth 10 11/16
3 mnth 10 11/16 — 3 mnth 10⅝

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10 13/16-10 25/32 — 2 mnth 10¾-10 23/32
3 mnth 10 11/16-10 21/32 — 6 mnth 10½-10⅜

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11 1/16 — 2 mnth 11⅜
3 mnth 11 5/16 — 6 mnth 11¼

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11 close 10½
1 week 11 1/16-11 — 6 mnth 10 15/16-10⅞
1 mnth 11⅛-11 1/16 — 9 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16
3 mnth 11-10 15/16 — 12 mth 10 15/16-10 13/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10⅞ — 7 days 10⅞
1 mnth 10¾ — 3 mnth 10¾
6 mnth 10⅝ — 12 mth 10⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11½-11¼ — 2 mnth 11½-11¼
3 mnth 11½-11¼ — 6 mnth 11 7/16-11¼
9 mnth 11 9/16-11⅜ — 12 mth 11½-11¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11⅛-11 — 3 mnth 11-10⅞
6 mnth 10 15/16-10 13/16 — 12 mth 10¾-10⅝

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.40-6.35 — 3 mnth 6.15-6.10
6 mnth 6.10-6.05 — 12 mth 6.10-6.05

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar — call 7-6
7 days 6⅜-6¼ — *1 mnth* 6 5/16-6 3/16
3 mnth 6¼-6⅛ — 6 mnth 6¼-6⅛
Deutschmark — call 5½-4½
7 days 5½-5⅜ — *1 mnth* 5-4⅞
3 mnth 4 15/16-4 13/16 — 6 mnth 4 15/16-4 13/16
French Franc — call 9¾-8¾
7 days 10½-10 — 1 mnth 12½-12
3 mnth 12½-12 — 6 mnth 11¾-10¾
Swiss Franc — call 2¼-1¼
7 days 3¼-3 — 1 mnth 3 1/16-2 15/16
3 mnth 3 1/16-2 15/16 — 6 mnth 3 1/16-2 15/16
Yen — call 5-4
7 days 5¼-5 — 1 mnth 4¾-4½
3 mnth 4¾-4½ — 6 mnth 4 7/16-4 5/16

BULLION

Gold:$403.00-403.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 400.50-403.50 (£268.00-270.50)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 94.50-95.50 (£63.25-64.00)
Platinum
$ 489.00 (£327.65)
Silver
$ 5.45-5.47 (£3.65-3.66)

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £364.3M — alloted: £100M
Bids: £97.37% — received: 10%
Last week: £97.345% — received: £90%
Avge rate: £10.4727% last wk £10.6492%
Next week: £100M — replace £100M

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allied Lyons	280	45	55	60	½	4	7
(*322)	300	25	40	47	1½	8	15
	330	2½	20	27	13	20	30
British Gas	50	15½	17½	19½	½	½	½
(*65)	60	5½	8¾	12	½	1¾	3
	70	¾	3¾	6	5½	6½	7½
BP	600	130	140	—	1	5	—
(*724)	650	80	93	105	1	12	16
	700	32	48	65	4	27	33
Cons Gold	550	130	145	—	2	5	—
(*676)	*600*	*80*	*102*	*112*	2	12	16
	650	33	68	84	8	23	33
Courtaulds	260	49	58	—	1	1½	—
(*306)	280	29	40	49	1	3	5
	300	13	26	34	4	7	10
	330	2	11	19	24	27	29
Com Union	260	13	22	29	5	10	15
(*268)	280	3	13	21	15	20	26
	300	1	7	13	34	36	44
Cable & Wire	300	34	49	60	1	6	12
(*330)	325	13	29	—	5	14	—
	350	2	14	—	23	30	—
	375	1	—	—	47	—	—
GEC	160	31	35	41	½	1½	5
(*189)	180	11	19	28	3	6	10
	200	2	9	17	14	17	21
Grand Met	360	99	105	—	1	1	—
(*456)	390	70	75	—	1	2	—
	420	40	50	65	1½	10	13
	460	9	30	45	13	27	30
ICI	1000	67	82	110	2	15	22
*(*1060)*	*1050*	35	*52*	*80*	*10*	*40*	*63*
	1100	5	33	54	45	72	74
	1150	2	16	37	94	105	104
Land Sec	300	43	53	57	1	3	6
(*340)	330	14	32	36	3	7	13
	360	2	14	18	23	23	27
Marks & Span	180	5	16	22	4	8	13
(*181)	200	1	7	12	21	24	26
	220	½	3	6	41	43	44
Shell Trans	*900*	92	103	122	2	13	22
(*984)	950	43	60	83	4	28	38
	1000	13	*28*	*52*	*27*	*47*	*60*
Trafalgar House	260	18	29	35	2	7	10
(*276)	280	5	16	23	9	16	18
	300	1	8	12	25	28	30
TSB	70	9	12½	14½	¾	2	3
*(*78)*	*80*	*1½*	*6½*	*7½*	*3½*	*6*	*6*
	90	¾	3	4	13	13½	14

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Beecham	360	93	—	—	1½	—	—
(*442)	390	65	75	82	4	5	12
	420	38	52	62	9	18	20
	460	14	26	40	25	33	40
Boots	200	39	44	—	1	4	—
(*231)	220	23	29	34	6	11	13
	240	9	16	22	14	21	24
BTR	260	24	33	40	*6*	*10*	*13*
(*271)	280	13	19	27	15	21	23
	300	6	10	—	33	35	—
Bass	650	105	120	—	3	7	—
(*737)	700	60	80	100	8	17	25
	750	30	50	65	35	45	55
Blue Circle	600	93	108	128	3	10	17
(*678)	650	53	70	90	10	20	28
	700	25	38	53	35	42	50
De Beers	650	145	—	—	11	—	—
(*760)	700	105	125	—	18	30	—
	750	75	100	120	38	55	65
	800	45	68	95	70	85	95
Dixons	300	31	44	50	8	11	16
(*318)	330	16	24	32	22	22	26
	360	3	13	—	44	46	—
GKN	240	42	48	56	2	4	7
(*273)	260	27	34	41	6	10	13
	280	18	22	30	12½	20	23
	300	8	—	—	29	—	—
Glaxo	900	170	195	—	5	8	—
(*1043)	950	125	145	190	11	22	27
	1000	85	120	155	21	35	45
	1050	50	90	125	40	60	70
Hanson	160	33	—	—	1	—	—
(*189)	180	15	23	29	4	6½	8
Hanson	200	7	13	18	13½	16½	18
(cont)	220	2¼	6½	—	32	32½	—
Jaguar	500	52	70	88	10	17	23
(*535)	550	18	37	53	25	32	40
	600	7	—	—	67	—	—
Thorn EMI	420	75	90	—	2	4	—
(*480)	460	45	58	70	8	15	22
	500	18	32	45	30	33	40
	550	5	—	—	73	—	—
Tesco	360	50	62	73	6	10	14
(*395)	390	28	42	52	13	20	25
	420	10	18	30	30	35	38

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Brit Aero	420	105	112	—	1	2	—
(*517)	460	65	73	88	3	6	10
	500	31	43	57	8	16	23
BAT Inds	390	78	85	—	2	3	—
(*457)	420	49	60	75	3	7	13
	460	20	34	50	15	27	30
	500	6	17	30	47	50	55
Barclays	460	67	76	86	3	6	16
(*515)	500	35	47	60	10	22	30
	550	9	22	32	40	47	50
Brit Telecom	180	39	45	51	½	2	4½
(*217)	200	19	28	34	1½	6½	9
	220	5½	14	18	9	12	17
Cadbury Schwpps	160	31	36	41	½	2½	5
(*187)	180	12	20	26	4	7	11
	200	4½	10	16	14	17	21
Guinness	280	27	40	47	8	10	16
(296)	300	15	26	38	17	25	28
	330	4	14	22	42	42	45
Ladbroke	330	62	68	75	1	3	6
(*364)	360	33	43	53	3	7	14
	390	13	27	33	14	22	25
LASMO	130	35	37	—	1	4	—
(*160)	140	27	30	35	3	7	9
	160	14	20	25	10	15	16
Midland Bank	500	117	125	135	2	6	8
(*605)	550	72	80	90	5	18	26
	600	30	38	52	15	30	37
P & O	460	72	83	95	2	7	12
(*522)	500	35	50	63	8	15	20
	550	9	25	35	35	43	47
Racal	160	33	42	50	1½	3	6
(*199)	180	17	25	33	6	8	12
	200	6	14	20	14	18	22
RTZ	550	170	—	—	2	—	—
(*701)	600	120	134	—	3	9	—
	650	75	94	112	13	25	30
	700	40	60	75	25	45	55
Vaal Reefs	70	17½	23	25	1½	3¾	4½
(*86)	80	9	16	19	5	7½	9
	90	3¾	9	12	10	12	12½

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Lonrho	200	54	57	—	1½	3	—
(*248)	220	36	46	43	3	7	10
	240	18	26	29	9	14	18
	260	8	12	17	21	27	32

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Tr 11¾% 1991	100	3¾	4 1/16	4¾	3/32	7/16	13/16
(*£104)	102	2 5/32	2¾	3	7/16	1	1¾
	104	¾	47/32	51/32	1 9/32	31/16	2 7/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07	104	8¾	9¾	9¾	¾	¾	1 1/16
(*£112)	106	6¾	7¾	8 7/32	¾	1 1/16	1½
	108	5 1/32	6 9/32	6¾	9/16	1¾	2¾
	110	3¾	4¾	5 3/16	1	2¾	3
	112	2 9/32	3 5/16	—	1 7/16	3 3/16	—
	114	43/32	25/32	—	43/16	4¾	—

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
FT-SE	1550	145	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Index	1575	120	—	—	—	2	—	—	—
(*1680)	1600	95½	112	122	—	3	6	10	—
	1625	75	90	100	—	5	11	17	—
	1650	57	70	82	93	10	18	25	30
	1675	40	53	65	75	20	30	35	40
	1700	22	38	48	58	32	40	45	55

January 2, 1987. Total contracts 21766. Calls 12473. Puts 9293.
FT-SE Index. Calls:598. Puts:1025.

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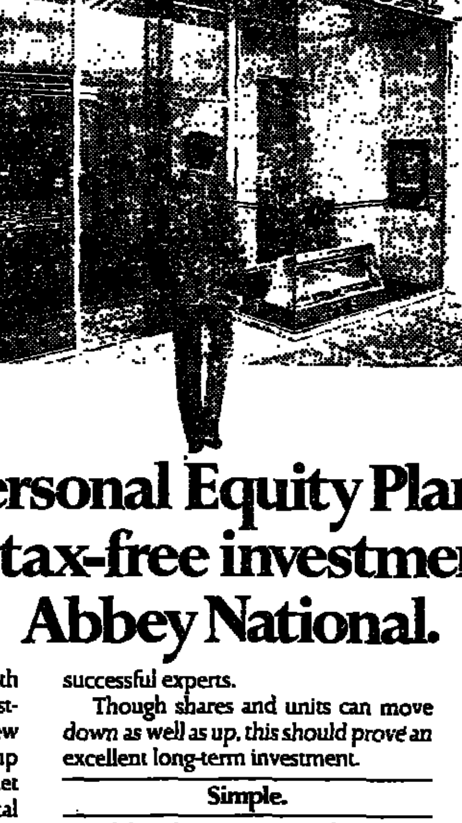

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STOCK MARKET

Economic and political cheer boosts gilts and gold shares

By Michael Clark

Hopes of an early cut in interest rates grew in the City yesterday after another strong performance by the pound *in* the foreign exchange market.

It rose *against* a weak dollar by almost a cent to $1.4920 – its best level for three months – and also scored gains against most other major European currencies. Its value against a basket of currencies *improved* by 0.3 to 69.5.

Dealers attributed the pound's performance to the continued strength of the oil price, with Brent crude for February delivery still trading at $18.10 a barrel. Speculation that the present Government could win a spring general election also added to the feeling of optimism among dealers.

The prospect of cheaper money and the pound's *performance* were *enough* to inject new life into government securities. Despite the thin conditions, prices at the longer end of the market were sporting rises of up to £1¾ by the close.

The weakness of the dollar was also good news for gold bullion. The *price of the* precious metal rose by $12.25 *to $403.25 as* investors switched out of the dollar following last week's worse-than-expected US trade figures. The shares of the big gold producers rose by up to $4.

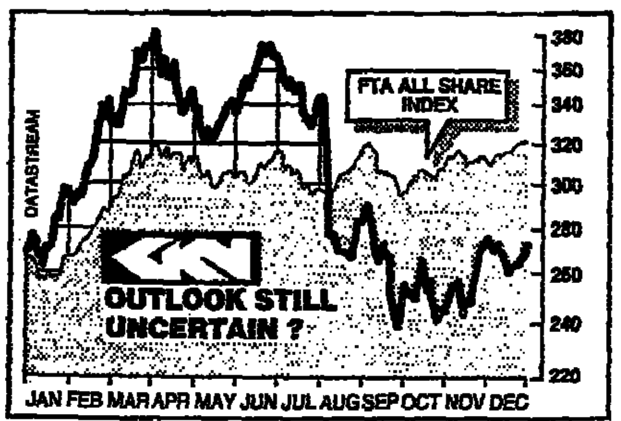
There was selective support for blue chips, but turnover remained desperately thin, with many dealers and investors choosing to extend their Christmas-New Year break.

The FT index of top *30* shares finished on a high note, helped by an early rally on Wall Street which halted the slide of the previous few days. It closed 6.3 up at 1,320.2, while the increase in the *broader-based FT-SE 100* was restricted to 2.1 at 1,681.1.

Some of the big exporters ran into selling pressure after the threat of sharply higher US import levies. *ICI lost* 8p at £10.59 and Glaxo 5p at £10.45, after £10.35. But there was support for GEC, 6p dearer at 190p and Thorn EMI, 8p up at 477p.

● The first day's trading *of the New Year* saw dealers taking a more sympathetic line on Guinness which responded with a 12p rise to 300p. Some say that at these levels the shares are cheap. Others think it is now vulnerable to a bid. Nestlé and Seagram are being mentioned here.

Hopes are high that the engineering sector will enjoy something of a re-rating in 1987. Last year's re-rating was *cut short in August* after some disappointing interim figures from GKN, often regarded as the bell-wether of this sector.



These showed pretax profits up by £4 million to £74 million, with Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the chairman, giving a warning that trading conditions would *make it* difficult to "realize an *improvement* for the year as a whole."

This news stunned the City and sent the shares of GKN into a spin, wiping millions of pounds from the group's stock market value. The group has still to recover – and so has the engineering sector.

There now seems to be a difference of opinion among analysts, *many of* whom received a frosty *reception from* Sir Trevor in recent months. Some are convinced that the worst is over and that 1987 could see a change of fortunes for the group and that, at the current level of 273p, down by 1p, the shares look cheap. But others remain more sceptical and are convinced that this hiccup in the group's recovery *has set back profits by more* than two years.

Most analysts have already downgraded pretax profits for last year – due out in March – from £150 million to about £130 million. This compares with the £132.7 million achieved in 1985.

For the current year, the target is £140 million. Earlier *estimates had been as high* as £172 million.

However, the outlook for some of GKN's rivals remains *more positive. Shares of* Hawker Siddeley enjoyed renewed, selective support, gaining 11p to 456p. There was talk of heavy buying of the *shares from a number of* provincial investors after a recommendation to its clients by Albert E Sharp, the influential Birmingham broker, to switch out of Vickers – which was unchanged at 408p – and *into Hawker Siddeley.* However, this failed to be reflected in the turnover figure for Hawker, which showed that less than 1 million shares had been traded.

Mr Paul Burgess, an analyst *at Sharp, says he has nothing* against Vickers, but believes that the City does not fully appreciate the quality of management at Hawker *Siddeley or what the company* has achieved. He says: "*Hawker Siddeley has more* potential than Vickers. There is a lot more to go for in 1987."

● Bryant Holdings, currently fighting off an unwanted bid from English China Clays, has forecast a *£7.5 million increase in* pretax profits to £21 million. *The next move could be a* revaluation of its landbank. It has until Tuesday to make up its mind. Bryant slipped 1p to 163p yesterday.

Dealers are also pinning *their hopes* on a recovery at BBA Group, the automotive *components* company which is headed by Dr John White. The word is that the anti-lock braking system the group has developed looks like being a winner. Its low cost should enable it to be fitted to even the cheapest ranges of car – and provide a big boost to *profits.*

The shares of BBA were riding on the crest of a wave last year and, at one stage, hit a peak of 284p after a heavy rationalization programme and a number of acquisitions *by Dr White.* But a *sudden* drop in demand in the motor industry hit its AP Leamington subsidiary and even the company's own broker, Cazenove, was forced to slash its profits forecast.

The shares hit a low of 118p – which was bad news for *those investors who backed* the group's £69 million rights issue at 190p last September.

But a number of dealers are convinced that Dr White can work his magic and that BBA will make up some of the lost ground over the coming months.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer		Ch'ge	Gross div pence	Yld %	P/E	Volume traded '000
323	299	Allied-Lyons	320	325	●	+1	14.5	4.5	14.7	71
168	145	ASDA-MFI	155	159		+1	4.5	2.9	17.2	517
444	414	BET	440	445		+3	24.3	5.5	18.1	127
300	264	BTR	267	272		−1	9.8	3.6	18.8	78
491	444	BAT	457	462		−5	18.4	4.0	12.0	701
516	465	Barclays	512	517		..	28.1	5.5	7.4	284
762	703	Bass	735	745	●	+3	24.3	3.3	18.1	75
450	411	Beecham	437	442	●	−2	17.1	3.9	18.3	252
678	621	Blue Circle	675	680		+5	30.0	4.4	9.6	450
373	326	BOC	371	374		+1	15.4	4.1	14.6	315
241	219	Boots	229	232	●	..	10.6	4.6	15.1	190
520	468	Br Aerospace	513	518		..	23.4	4.5	10.9	1,000
66	61	Br Gas	65	66		+¾	9.3	14.2	..	32,000
728	668	Br Petroleum	720	725		−5	48.6	6.7	7.9	1,300
216½	188	Br Telecom	214	218	●	+1	11.2	5.2	12.6	1,700
172	135	Britoil	169	171		−1½	9.3	5.5	4.6	1,400
293	256	Burton	284	289	●	+1	8.1	2.8	16.1	316
738	298	Cable & Wireless	325	332		..	7.2	2.2	18.0	1,800
192	172	Cadbury Schweppes	185	188		..	8.7	4.7	21.8	26
564	444	Coats Viyella	464	468	●	+3	17.9	3.8	13.9	243
284	257	Com Union	267	270		+½	17.4	6.5	..	427
704	553	Cons Goldfields	670	677		+2	35.0	5.2	19.3	389
330	286	Courtaulds	304	307	●	+1	10.2	3.3	10.3	439
215½	201	Dee Corp	211	216		+2	10.6	5.0	17.3	781
360	301	Dixons Grp	318	322		+2	4.3	1.3	22.8	304
550	409	Fisons	530	532	●	−4	8.4	1.6	28.6	152
954	769	Gen Accident	803	807	●	+2	34.3	4.3	20.2	31
226	160	GEC	187	191		+5	6.3	3.3	11.6	3,800
11¼	887	Glaxo	10⅜	10½		..	20.0	1.9	21.8	333
481	365	Grand Met	454	456		−2	14.6	3.2	13.1	342
11½	934	GUS 'A'	10¼	10¼		..	31.4	3.0	14.4	50
780	720	GRE	775	780		+3	42.5	n/a	n/a	26
385	235	GKN	272	274	●	..	17.9	6.6	9.2	206
355	274	Guinness	294	297	●	+8	11.6	3.9	11.2	3,900
215½	158	Hanson	188	189	●	−½	6.1	3.2	12.0	1,000
523	403	Hawker Siddeley	452	456		+9	21.4	4.7	10.0	952
12⅞	882	Imp Chem Ind	10½	10⅝		..	48.6	4.6	11.9	1,600
583	360	Jaguar	533	537		−1	12.7	2.4	11.0	296
391	313	Ladbroke	383	385		..	16.8	4.4	18.3	224
349	302	Land Securities	339	341		+2	14.5	4.3	22.7	481
789	133	Legal & Gen	260	265		+6	12.3	4.7	33.5	790
664	352	Lloyds	443	447		..	25.0	5.6	7.1	112
301	198	Lonrho	247	248		−1	17.1	6.9	12.2	1,000
231	169½	Marks & Spencer	180	181	●	+1½	5.8	3.2	21.5	633
608	507	Midland	602	607		..	37.1	6.1	22.4	405
925	447	Nat West	545	550		..	27.8	5.0	5.7	271
576	481	P & O Dfrd	520	523		−2	26.4b	5.1	15.0	97
618	443	Pearson	613	616		−1	15.4	2.5	20.5	134
691	398	Pilkington Bros	654	657¾	●	−4	21.4	3.3	17.4	1,300
248	162	Plessey	184	188		+1	7.2	3.9	13.7	272
989	749	Prudential	805	807		+3	38.6	4.8	53.2	132
234	146	Racal Elect	187	191		−4	4.3	2.3	20.0	1,800
589	467	Rank Org	520	527		−1	22.5	4.3	18.5	308
900	734	Reckitt & Colman	862	867	●	..	23.9	2.8	18.7	5
584½	379	Reuters	550	555		..	5.4	1.0	41.8	313
791	532	RTZ	700	705	●	−2	31.4	4.5	9.3	497
540	365	Rowntree	408	410	●	+5	18.0	4.4	11.4	654
967	762	Royal Ins	847	850	●	+2	38.6	4.5	69.6	12
426	344	Sainsbury (J)	419	422	●	+2	8.4	2.0	24.4	27
148½	39	Sears	123	124		−¼	5.0	4.0	15.9	654
395	300	Sedgwick Gp	310	312		+9	17.1	5.5	14.8	1,400
988	733	Shell	962	967		−3	51.4	5.2	8.7	2,000
262	112	Smith & Nephew	123	124		−1½	3.5	2.8	21.1	571
177	122	STC	172	176		..	2.1	1.2	16.2	676
894	547	Stan Chart	793	800		+3	46.4	5.8	9.8	208
365	256½	Storehouse	283	287	●	..	11.0	3.9	15.2	163
772	610	Sun Alliance	648	652	●	+5	27.5	4.2	58.5	114
89	72	TSB P/P	77	78		+¾	6.1	7.9	..	2,800
420	340	Tesco	394	397		+1	8.9	2.2	22.6	66
529	442	Thorn EMI	477	482	●	+11	25.0	5.2	35.1	1,500
330	139½	Trafalgar House	274	278	●	..	18.9	6.9	10.3	378
198	139	Trusthouse Forte	178	180		+1	7.9	4.4	17.7	943
22	16	Unilever	21¾	21⅞		..	60.1	2.8	20.0	25
269	216	Utd Biscuits	232	234	●	+½	13.6b	5.8	12.6	43
236	174	Wellcome	234	236	●	+1½	3.0	1.3	28.9	743
925	585	Woolworth	710	713		..	22.9	3.2	16.3	126

COMMENT

The facts of life about sweetheart deals

One of the least pleasant aspects of this season of the year is enduring the self-denial or plain discomfort that accompanies the pursuit of *New Year resolutions. The only thing to* be said for the whole business is that it often turns out to be a brief preoccupation. *It is altogether more pleasant to* devise resolutions for others in the hope, of course, that some contribution *to public welfare might emerge* eventually.

For the Trade Secretary Paul Channon and the Takeover Panel director general John Walker Haworth one might wish some resolve to tackle the loopholes which allow hard-nosed takeover bidders and their advisers far *too great a licence to rig events in their* favour during contested takeover battles.

To a plain man, the notion that certain favoured investors who buy shares during a bid can be offered indemnities against loss by those with a vested interest in a particular outcome, *offends against the concept of a takeover* code. If such a code is not designed to promote equality of treatment for all shareholders and all market participants in the course of a takeover, it is hardly *worth the paper on which it is written.*

Yet as we have seen in the Guinness bid for Distillers, certain shareholders were offered "no loss" arrangements if they purchased Guinness shares. The *aim, as we now know, was to inflate the* level of the Guinness bid. Such practices offend not merely because they offer favours to a privileged few. They also come uncomfortably close to rigging the *market price of a bidder's shares, which* in turn deceptively affects the value of any bid terms expressed in terms of a share exchange.

Here, surely, is an aspect of recent contested bids which merits the attention of *Messrs Walker Howarth and* Channon in this new year. How are non-professional investors to assess their *best interests if, unknown to them,* the share prices which they read in their morning newspapers are artificial; the *result of extensive* massaging and sweetheart deals within a charmed City circle.

There is also a curious lack of symmetry in the way that the Takeover Code treats such arrangements. *If* a bidder or his adviser were to procure a buyer for the shares of the target company, that buyer *would* immediately be treated under the code as if he were in the bidder's camp. He would be *prevented under the code from offering* a price not generally available to all.

Yet if the bidder arranges a friendly *buyer for his own shares with an* indemnity, there is only a requirement to declare it. The friendly buyer does not become an associate or member of a concert party under the code, despite the fact that he is obviously *aiding the cause* of the bidder.

The appearance of indemnities on the British takeover scene is a relatively new feature and they raise a number of issues that are far from fully aired. An important one is the question of who actually pays for them. If, in practice, *the costs are passed on to a bidder in the* form of a single fee for advice and services during a bid, it could be said that the bidder is making available shareholders funds for the purchase of its own shares.

There is a great deal of room for legal argument here. This is a matter for Mr Channon and his department to consider in the light of existing Companies Act legislation *and hopefully provide* some much needed clarification.

Talk of rate cut premature

Talk of lower interest rates was not *difficult to find in markets* yesterday as the pound had another good day. By the close sterling was 0.3 higher on the trade weighted index at 69.5, the highest level since the end of *September as the currency* was going into the shallow dive which ended in a one point increase in base rates.

The pound has certainly shown a satisfactory capacity to detach itself from the fortunes of the dollar during the past week. All the same, talk of lower interest rates seems premature.

Trading has been very thin during the holiday period and it is not yet clear how representative the rates during the past few days really are. In any case the strength of sterling, though heartening, *is strictly relative. It is less than six* months since a rate of 69.5 would have been regarded as a currency crisis.

The circumstances by which the Chancellor justified the autumn increase in base rates – notably the acceleration in growth of the narrow *measure of the money supply M0* – have far from disappeared. Bank lending remains buoyant. Fears about the balance of payments, though perhaps less acute, are very much still there.

So far money market rates, though they have been strengthening, are certainly not yet indicating a fall in base rates. Three-month money in the interbank market eased 1/16 yesterday to 11 1/8 per cent, still above the level of base rates at 11 per cent. The main impact of firmer sterling seems to be to have removed much of the fear of another January sterling crisis rather than yet to prompt lower interest rates.

In these circumstances it would be quixotic of the Government to bring *interest rates down at the earliest* possible moment and, if events later this winter turn out adversely, risk having a currency crisis after all. There is no shortage of rocks on which sterling could stumble.

APPOINTMENTS

Changes at Whitbread offshoot

Whitbread: **Mr Tony Derry,** managing *director of Long* John International, has also been made chairman. He succeeds Mr Peter Jarvis, Whitbread group managing director, who is leaving the Long John board. **Mr Martin Findlay,** vice-chairman of Whitbread, has joined the *Long John board.*

Barclays de Zoete Wedd: **Mr Jim Barry** and **Mr Malcolm Forster** have been made directors and **Mr Paul Hannah, Mr Christopher Mallett** and **Mr Frank Webster-Smith** assistant directors. **Mr Hiroyuki Hatasa** and **Mr Kevin Saunders** have been named as directors of Barclays de Zoete Wedd International Equities.

Forward *Trust Group:* Mr **Robert Wyatt** has become chairman and chief executive following the retirement of Mr Peter Nicholson.

Liverpool Cotton Association: **Mr AG Reynolds** has been elected president for 1987 and **Mr A Aldcroft** vice-president.

Trend Group: **Mr Derek Millard** becomes a *non-executive* director.

Scottish Amicable Life Assurance: **Mr Billy Allen** is now assistant general manager *(marketing and agency)* and **Mr Bill Reid** and **Mr Mike Smith** are assistant *general* managers (systems). **Mr Harry Smith** becomes assistant general manager (actuarial) and **Mr Sandy Macdonald** systems manager.

Commercial Union Assurance: **Mr Barry West** is now head of general insurance (London market). **Mr John Bird** has succeeded Mr West as head of general insurance (commercial insurances) and **Mr Eric Greenwood** has succeeded Mr Bird as regional manager, *London.*

Bowring UK: **Mr Christopher Scholfield** has joined the board and become chairman of the south-east region. He has been succeeded by **Mr Allan Myles,** as chief executive of Bowring Scholfields, the Manchester company.

Chloride Group: **Mr Randall Thomas** is to become managing director of Chloride Automotive Batteries, succeeding Mr Andrew Cameron.

TEMPUS

Gold bulls should take a look Down Under

Christmas came right on schedule for Australian gold mining companies. On December *16, they* heard the welcome, if not entirely surprising news, that the federal government had decided not to impose an income tax.

To round off the holiday period, any hangovers incurred in celebrating the decision would have been soothed over the New Year *by the* US$14 *jump in the* gold price, taking the metal above the $400 level for the first time since November.

Even if anticipated, Canberra's decision not to implement the findings of a report it commissioned some time ago triggered a renewed round of share buying. This has lifted the Australian Gold Mine Share index by 128 points to a new peak of 1,789.8, *more than double its* level of eight months ago.

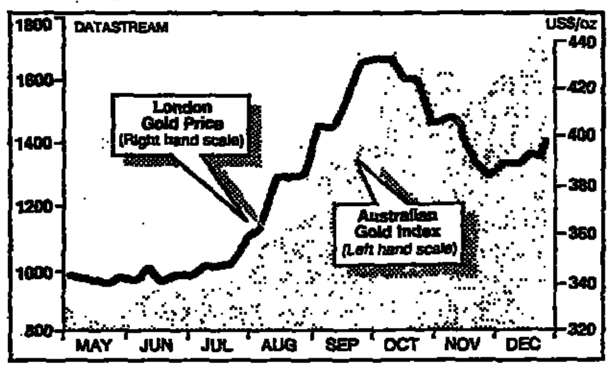
The logic behind the most recent buying appeared to be that while there was still a chance of a tax being imposed, companies would postpone any decisions concerning exploration or *takeovers.*

Now the uncertainty is in the past, the gold miners can expect to enter a new phase of activity. Australia has become steadily more important as a world producer *in the past* decade and looks set to enhance its position further *by the 1990s.*

Gold production was 15.4 tonnes, or a mere 1.6 per cent of non-Communist world output in 1976, but jumped to 57 tonnes, or 4.7 per cent, by 1985. Output in 1988 is expected to top 100 tonnes.

The steady rise in the gold price and the plunge in the Australian dollar *during the* past year have combined to put most Australian miners firmly in the money. Despite a recent resurgence in the currency's fortunes, the companies are still earning Aus$610 an ounce against a weighted total production average cost of Aus$261.

Indeed, the financial health of most of the companies – a strong contrast to that of the government – underlines the fact that the decision to



ignore Senator Gerry *Gutman's recommendations* was a political one. It takes the fear of losing a string of marginal parliamentary seats to persuade a Labour government that an industry where the top companies can earn pretax profits of more than 50 per cent of turnover should not be taxed.

If you are at all bullish *about the gold price in 1987,* Australian gold mines would *seem the place to go.*

Of the other options investors might consider, bullion itself has lower gearing (and is difficult to hold for British residents) while South African mines have obvious problems

Australian mines are usually lumped in the "other producers" category with companies in Canada and United States, but statistically at least provide far better value. On December 19 – admittedly before the most recent price surge – the 10 top Australian shares recommended by Messel, the *stockbroker,* traded on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 12.9. The comparative figures for the top nine Canadian and four American choices were 30.4 and 27.5

There are also a number of Australian stocks around with yields of 5 per cent plus, whereas the North American shares have virtually nothing (and in the case of some *speculative miners* absolutely nothing) to offer in the way of dividends.

Those looking to take the plunge will be pleased to know that a new method of investment will soon be *available.* A leading Australian stockbroking firm, rumoured *to* be May, *Mellor* Laing & Cruickshank, is said to be establishing an investment trust-style fund that will have some Aus$200 million (£90 million) to play with. The fund will be styled along the lines of ASA, the American company that has for many years been a convenient way for US investors to buy *into* South African mines.

Other methods to be considered include unit trusts. One fully-fledged gold fund already exists, run by Waverley Asset Management in Edinburgh, while other Australasian funds have become virtual *quasi-gold* funds as they have increased their gold exposure and reduced investments in the continent's dismally-performing base metals.

Australia presents a wide array of more than 100 producers, more than half of which produce less than 20,000 ounces a year – equivalent to about 25 days' output at the Vaal Reefs mine in South Africa. Although they have the highest gearing towards the gold price, many of these shares can be difficult to accumulate in volume without disturbing the price.

At the other end, however, there are still a few large producers with enough market depth to absorb significant buying. Among those generally favoured *in this* sector are Kidston Gold-Mines and the more diversified Western Mining Corp, which together should account for about one-fifth of the country's gold output *next year.*

ASTRA–the most important launch of '88 for the television industry in the UK...and in Europe.

Early in 1988, ASTRA – a new privately-operated 16-channel satellite, constructed exclusively for television transmission, will be placed in orbit directly over Europe.

Its arrival will expand and stimulate the whole TV industry across Europe, building demand and creating new markets. Viewers will benefit from a dramatically increased choice of *general entertainment and special interest* programmes.

The launch of ASTRA opens up exciting opportunities for Britain's television companies.

The existing UK TV world

–a choice of 4 national terrestrial channels, *and high quality programme production.*

–8 *new* UK *satellite-carried entertainment* and thematic channels limited to less than 1% of UK homes via cable networks.

Developments over the last decade in Europe's TV potential and needs have reduced *the feasibility of the plans for Direct Broadcasting* Satellites in the UK, as proposed by the World Broadcasting Satellite Administrative Conference (WARC '77). DBS satellites will have only *3 or 4 channels per satellite and will be limited by* national boundaries.

The ASTRA world

From 1988 ASTRA offers leading British television companies a cost-effective way to reach new satellite markets, not only in the UK, but also across Western Europe's 120 *million TV homes.* Technological developments since WARC '77 now mean that the recommended antenna size of 90 cm can be achieved from a medium *powered satellite, but now with 16 channels with a* full range of international programming.

ASTRA, in discussion with the UK's major companies and authorities, proposes to make 8 or *more channels available to UK programmers.*

For the UK it would mean:

Choice: *A larger choice of channels than on* any other satellite system.

Small dishes: Reception by cable networks, blocks of flats and individual homes on 85 cm dishes across Europe.

Equipment already available: ASTRA uses the same frequency range and polarisation standards as existing satellites. Reception equipment is already on the market, whereas *manufacturers still need to develop DBS receiving* equipment.

Export: ASTRA will bring Britain's TV companies directly into Europe's homes, expanding on the existing 6.3% cable market for satellite TV.

Cost advantages: Very substantial savings can be made by using ASTRA instead of WARC *'77 DBS satellites.*

On schedule: *The ASTRA satellite and its* ground control station are nearing completion. ASTRA will be on the air and fully operational in early 1988.

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American Growth	147.2	156.6●	-3.8	0.90
Asian Pacific	61.1	64.9●	-0.1	1.74
Assets & Earns	109.8	116.8●	+0.1	2.45
Capital Reserve	65.9	66.3	-0.1	1.52
Comm & Energy	96.5	102.6	-2.5	1.11
European Capital	100.9	107.3	-0.9	1.18
General	139.4	148.2	+0.1	2.87
Japan	77.1	82.0	-0.1	..
UK Growth Inc	105.3	112.0	+0.1	1.40
Do Accum	152.3	162.0	+0.1	0.97
US Emerging Co's	50.2	53.4●	-0.5	0.09
Equitas Progress	208.9	222.2	+0.2	3.24
MastertstAcc	66.8	71.0	-0.4	2.31
American Inc	46.2	49.1	-0.5	5.35
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL 0793 610366 & 0793 28291				
UK Special Sits	231.0	244.9	+0.6	3.27
Growth & Income	135.6	143.7	+0.2	3.15
Capital Trust	226.1	239.7	+0.2	2.88
Balanced	360.9	382.8●	+0.6	3.60
Accum Trust	558.8	592.3	+0.7	3.20
American Income	32.4	34.5	-0.4	4.32
High Income Tst	256.6	272.0	+1.3	4.82
Equity Income	142.4	150.9●	+0.6	5.10
High Yield	147.6	156.5	+0.6	5.40
Govt Secs Trust	27.6	29.7	+0.1	10.03
International	92.2	98.2	-0.6	0.82
Japan Fund	122.3	130.2●	-0.5	0.01
Pacific Trust	203.3	216.5●	-0.8	0.89
Amer Spcl Sits	65.9	70.2	-0.5	2.55
Secs Of Amer Tst	198.4	211.3●	-1.8	0.97
Ald Asset Value	235.1	249.2●	+1.0	3.41
Conv & Gilt Trust	34.2	35.9	+0.1	3.15
Smaller Co's	129.6	137.4	-1.7	3.14
2nd Smaller Co's	168.2	176.2	+0.1	2.28
Recovery Trust	84.3	89.4	+0.4	2.09
ARBUTHNOT SECURITIES 131, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1AY 01-628 9876 01-280 8540/1/2/3				
Capital Growth Inc	58.9	62.9●	-	1.59
Do Accum	67.5	72.1●	..	1.59
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	150.2	160.6	-0.7	0.74
Do 6% Withdrawal	78.4	83.8	-0.4	0.74
Finance & Property	71.4	76.3	+0.2	3.67
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	47.1	49.5	+0.1	8.24
Do Accum	79.9	84.1	+0.1	8.24
Equity Income	78.8	84.2	+0.3	4.53
Do Accum	186.7	199.6	+0.7	4.53
High Yield Income	77.8	82.9●	+0.4	6.53
Do Accum	209.6	224.1●	+1.2	6.53
Intl Income	83.8	89.6	-0.6	2.10
Do Accum	86.1	92.0	-0.7	2.10
Do 5% Withdrwl	77.8	83.2●	-0.6	2.10
Managed Fund	66.0	69.5	-0.2	..
Preference Income	28.0	29.9●	..	10.38
Do Accum	91.8	98.1●	-	10.38
Ryl Tst Smlr Co's	66.5	71.1	..	2.25
Portfolio Tst UK	76.8	79.3	+0.1	1.42
Portfolio Tst Japan	100.4	104.0	-0.2	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	69.9	72.4	-0.6	1.02
Portfolio Tst Europe	127.3	131.9	-0.9	0.00
Portfolio Tst HK	54.1	56.0	-	0.10
BAILLIE GIFFORD 3, Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh EH3 6YY 031-225 2581 (Dealers:031-226 6066)				
Intl Ex (22)	481.2	501.5●	-	0.55
Japan Ex (43)	439.6	459.5		0.20
UK Ex (31)	256.0	251.1●	.	1.34
P'sal Pens Intl	541.6	570.5	.	..
P'sal Pens UK	231.5	243.7	..	..
BG America	160.3	170.6	-1.5	0.00
BG Energy	165.7	176.3●	+0.3	1.92
BG Income Grwth	203.1	216.1●	+0.3	5.30
BG Japan	193.7	206.0	-1.0	0.00
BG Technology	147.3	156.8	-1.5	0.00
BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS 25/26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-491 0295				
American	46.8	49.8	-0.5	0.65
Australian	22.8	24.3	-0.2	2.17
Japan & General	112.8	119.9	-0.7	0.08
High Income	45.2	48.1●	+0.1	5.84
International Trust	85.2	90.7	-0.1	1.40
Income Gth Tst	49.9	53.1	+0.2	3.47
Gilts & Fixed Int	20.3	21.6	..	10.10
Global Markets	34.4	36.6	-0.2	1.93
Special Situations	44.2	47.1	-0.1	1.31
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 01-534 5544				
America	84.8	89.7●	-1.0	1.56
Aust Accum	186.8	197.6●	+0.5	0.88
Do Income	131.7	139.3●	+0.3	0.88
Capital	71.4	75.5	+0.1	3.00
Exempt Trust	434.4	459.6	+0.9	4.19
Extra Income	76.1	80.5	+0.3	5.47
Financial	233.4	246.9●	+0.8	3.04
500	273.3	289.2	+0.6	3.12
General	141.8	150.0	+0.4	3.19
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.1	53.7●	-0.1	10.20
Japan & Gen Inc	167.0	176.7	-0.8	0.00
Do Acc	169.0	178.8	-0.8	0.00
Growth Accum	181.2	191.7	-0.2	2.25
Income Trust	343.1	363.0	+0.8	3.89
Leisure Trust	80.9	85.6	+0.1	1.53
Special Situations	145.2	153.6	+0.4	2.38
Recovery	201.1	212.8	+0.5	2.87
Trustee Fund	106.8	113.0●	+0.3	3.01
Univ Tech Accum	54.4	57.5	-0.4	0.05
Do Income	53.9	57.0	-0.3	0.05
Worldwide Trust	148.5	158.1	-1.1	1.77
'B' Tst Inv Fund Acc	342.5	362.4	+0.7	3.34
Do Inc	218.6	231.3	+0.5	3.34
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, *Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ* 01-658 9002				
Australia	78.6	84.0	-0.4	0.30
Eastern	73.9	79.0	.	0.30
Equity Income	58.4	63.3	+0.1	5.80
Europe	136.3	147.1●	-0.7	1.00
Growth & Inc	63.8	69.3	+0.2	3.00
Japan Special	111.6	115.3	-0.8	0.30
Japan Sunrise	93.6	100.1	-0.7	0.30
First Europe	119.6	127.2	-0.8	0.80
First Japan	89.3	97.4	-0.6	1.10
First N Amer	48.4	53.1●	-0.3	1.10
First Smaller Co's	68.1	72.4	-0.1	2.70
BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT 10, Fenchurch St, London EC3 01-623 6000				
Amer Smlr Co Inc	60.4	63.7	-0.7	1.04
Do Accum	61.7	65.1	-0.7	1.04
European Inc	101.9	107.5●	-1.1	1.22
Do Accum	125.7	132.6	-1.3	1.22
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	22.6	23.8	-0.1	2.27
Do Accum	28.9	30.5	-0.1	2.27
General Inc	169.4	178.7		2.90
Do Accum	229.2	243.5	-2.3	2.90
Gilt Yield Inc	107.3	110.5●	+0.1	10.47
Do Accum	176.9	182.2	+0.2	10.47
High Yield Inc	90.9	98.9●	-1.3	5.08
Do Accum	190.3	200.8	+0.5	5.08
Int Rec Inc	105.6	111.4●	-0.2	1.89
Do Accum	111.6	117.7●	-0.3	1.59
Japan Inc	238.3	251.4	-1.6	0.24
Do Accum	240.0	253.2	-1.6	0.24
Japanese Spec Inc	109.3	115.3	-0.8	0.08
Do Accum	109.7	115.7	-0.8	0.08
N American Inc	48.4	51.1●	-0.6	0.78
Do Accum	56.4	59.5●	-0.6	0.78
Pacific Inc	140.5	148.2	-0.9	0.58
Do Accum	158.4	167.1	-1.0	0.58
Planned Investments	135.4	143.2		4.05
Smaller Co's Inc	88.5	93.4●	+0.1	0.98
Do Accum	105.6	111.4	+0.1	0.88
Smaller Inc A				
UK Equity Gth Inc	27.7	29.2	+0.1	1.40
Do Accum	45.7	48.2	+0.1	1.40
Worldwide Tech Inc	42.4	44.7	+1.5	1.82
Do Accum	42.7	45.1	+1.8	1.82
KB High Yield Inc	133.6	140.9●	+0.1	5.51
Do Accum	225.5	237.9	+0.2	5.51

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458144				
Financial	136.1	145.5	+0.2	2.44
Smaller Co's Acc	241.7	255.8	+0.8	..
Do Income	154.3	163.3	+0.5	0.98
High Income	68.0	72.7	..	5.84
Income	77.9	83.4	+0.2	4.62
Man Portfolio Inc	66.9	71.6	+0.1	2.81
Do Acc	113.0	120.9	+0.3	..
North American	54.0	57.7●	-0.5	1.52
Orient	88.8	92.8	-0.4	0.23
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT 01-588 2868				
Fellowship Inc	51.0	54.3	..	3.00
General Inc (4)	225.2	238.0●	+2.5	2.49
Do Accum (4)	362.7	380.1	+4.0	2.49
Income Fund (3)	104.3	109.0	+0.7	5.03
Do Accum (3)	186.4	194.8	+1.4	5.03
Intl Inc (2)	135.7	141.9	..	0.87
Do Accum (2)	180.6	188.8	..	0.87
Smaller Inc (5)	60.8	64.5■	.	2.73
Do Accum	65.4	69.3■	.	2.73
CS FUND MANAGERS 125, High Holborn, London WC1V 6PY 01-242 1148				
CS Japan Fund	83.6	88.9●	-0.8	0.58
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley, HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Growth	295.5	312.7●	..	2.90
Income	344.3	364.3●	+0.9	4.50
Far East	244.6	258.5	-1.1	0.24
North American	146.3	154.8	-0.7	0.58
Global	51.7	54.7	-0.1	0.83
European	57.2	60.5	-0.4	1.24
Japan	60.8	64.3	-0.4	0.50
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ 01-621 0011				
Capital	373.0	396.9	..	1.78
Income	287.8	306.2	..	4.85
North American	286.5	304.8	..	1.21
CATER ALLEN 1, King William St, EC4N 7AU 01-623 6314				
Gilt Trust		89.6	-2.4	..
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Inv Fund	413.55		..	4.52
Fixed Int	131.3		..	10.89
Deposit	100.0		..	10.60
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS 72/73 Basinghall Street, London EC2V 5DP 01-606 6522				
S & C Special Sits	57.3	60.6	+4.0	0.60
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 01-588 1815				
Income	384.68	●	..	4.94
Accum	£11,187	●	..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.75
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373393				
Amer Growth	24.0	25.4	-0.2	1.90
Equity High Income	44.5	47.1●	+0.2	4.40
European Growth	31.6	33.5	-0.1	2.00
General Equity	39.4	41.7	..	2.80
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	28.3	29.8	+0.1	3.40
Gilt & Fixed Inc	23.4	24.7●	..	9.50
Intl Inc Tst	25.8	27.4	-0.1	5.00
Japan Growth	34.5	36.6	-0.2	0.90
Pedigree Gth	24.6	26.1	..	2.50
COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD 161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU 01-726 1999				
Energy Trust	49.3	52.1	..	4.03
Extra Income	169.3	178.1	-1.3	5.25
Financial	177.6	188.0	..	2.20
Gilt Strategy	56.7	58.5●	+0.2	1.95
Growth Investment	287.9	304.7	+0.8	2.52
Income & Growth	42.3	44.7●	+0.1	4.55
Japanese Growth	189.9	201.0	-0.7	0.62
Nth Amer Growth	101.0	106.9	-1.0	1.52
Intl Recovery	114.7	121.3	-0.3	2.18
Smaller Co's	228.9	242.3	+1.4	1.57
Global Inc Tst	60.5	64.1●	-0.2	5.58
Special Sits Acc	295.2	314.4	+0.9	1.45
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
High Income Trust	257.6	274.0	+1.8	4.77
Growth Trust	229.2	243.8	+0.5	2.85
American Trust	122.3	130.1●	-2.3	0.77
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL 07372 42424				
UK Income	48.7	52.1	+0.4	4.72
UK Growth Accum	50.5	54.0	+0.4	2.41
Do Dist	50.5	54.0	+0.4	2.41
European Growth	58.9	63.0	-0.3	1.88
Pacific Growth	55.0	58.8	+0.2	0.61
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh 031-226 3492				
American Fund	68.6	73.0	-0.8	1.37
Capital Fund	103.0	109.6	+0.2	1.55
Growth & Inc Fund	134.5	143.2	+0.3	4.36
High Dist Fund	113.6	120.9	+0.5	5.58
International Fund	209.2	222.7	-1.3	1.01
Resources Fund	25.0	26.6	-0.1	0.39
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	34.3	36.5●	-0.1	..
Tokyo Fund	165.8	176.5	-0.6	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	140.5	144.3		2.07
(Ex) Japan (3)	110.6	113.6●		0.18
(Ex) Pacific (4)	331.8	340.9		0.28
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	198.5	204.0	..	0.10
Eurofund	28.5	30.3	-0.7	3.30
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ 0242 521311				
UK Balanced Inc	71.9	76.3●	+0.1	3.10
Do Accum	73.8	78.3●	+0.2	3.03
UK Growth Accum	91.6	97.2	+0.2	2.11
UK High Inc Inc	69.2	73.4●	+0.2	4.76
N American Accum	66.4	70.8	-0.4	0.75
Far Eastern Accum	110.9	118.3	-0.6	0.66
European Accum	90.7	96.7	-0.6	1.19
UK Gilt & FI Inc	51.6	54.7●	+0.2	8.86
Do Accum	54.9	58.2●	+0.2	8.42
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Adam Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB 0708-66966				
Endurance	111.0	118.1		3.03
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION *35, Fountain St, Manchester* 061-236 5685				
Equitable Pelican	77.9	82.9	+0.2	3.39
High Income Trust	77.0	82.0	+0.3	5.52
Gilt & Fixed Int	50.6	53.9	+0.1	8.83
Tst Of Inv Trusts	73.6	78.3	.	1.51
Special Sits Trust	78.2	83.2	-0.1	2.26
Nth Amer Trust	57.9	61.6	-0.4	1.72
Far Eastern Trust	98.7	105.1	-0.2	0.43
Intl Growth	54.9	58.5	-0.3	1.10
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD 0203 553231				
UK Growth Accum	153.4	163.1	-0.1	3.23
Do Income	131.5	139.8	-0.1	3.23
Higher Inc Accum	258.4	274.8	+1.0	4.97

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT 01-606 9085/6				
Sat Dist Gilt Fund	69.1	78.2	+0.1	11.80
US Govt Bond Fd	451.9	52.1	..	..
Challenger	49.6	50.0	-0.1	2.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	49.8	53.0●	+0.3	7.41
Income	57.6	60.3	+0.1	4.78
Growth	57.1	60.6	+0.1	2.04

The prices in this section refer to Wednesday's *trading*.

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

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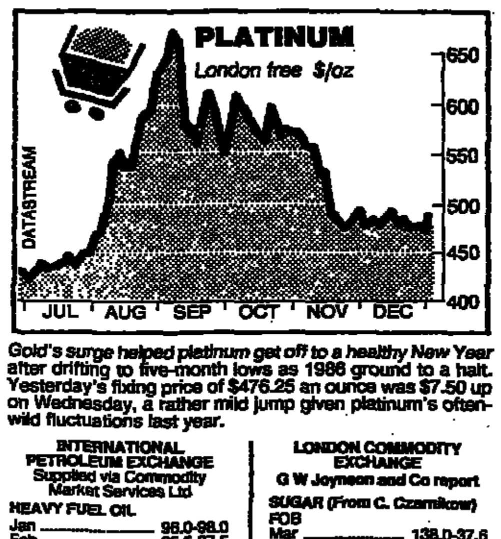

Gold's surge helped platinum get off to a healthy New Year after drifting to five-month lows as 1986 ground to a halt. Yesterday's fixing price of $476.25 an ounce was $7.50 up on Wednesday, a rather mild jump given platinum's often-wild fluctuations last year.

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE
Supplied via Commodity Market Services Ltd

HEAVY FUEL OIL

Jan	96.0-98.0
Feb	95.5-97.5
Mar	94.5-96.5
Apr	unq.-97.5
Vol:	11

GAS OIL

Jan	150.00-49.75
Feb	150.75-50.00
Mar	151.00-50.50
Apr	147.25-46.50
May	144.00-43.00
Jun	143.00-41.50
Jul	147.00-41.50
Aug	147.00-40.00
Sep	147.00-40.00
Vol:	3467

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
G W Joynson and Co report

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB

Mar	138.0-37.6
May	142.4-42.0
Aug	146.2-45.6
Oct	151.0-50.4
Dec	155.8-53.2
Mar	164.4-62.0
Vol:	519

COCOA

Dec	1386 LT
Mar	1426-25
May	1449-47
Jul	1472-71
Sep	1496-95
Dec	1524-23
Mar	1553-52
Vol:	1215

COFFEE

Jan	1634-32
Mar	1645-42
May	1670-65
Jul	1703-00
Sep	1735-30
Nov	1750-10
Jan	1770-20
Vol:	2962

SOYABEAN

Feb	126.0-25.0
Apr	126.0-24.0
Jun	121.0-20.5
Aug	120.0-19.5
Oct	121.8-20.7
Dec	123.5-22.0
Feb	125.5-23.5
Vol:	3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolf & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A

Cash	908.00-909.50
Three Months	932.00-932.50
Vol	11350
Tone	Steady

STANDARD CATHODES

Cash	888.00-889.00
Three Months	908.00-909.00
Vol	550
Tone	Quiet

LEAD

Cash	345.00-347.00
Three Months	315.00-316.00
Vol	2500
Tone	Steadier

ZINC HIGH GRADE

Cash	560.00-561.50
Three Months	541.50-542.00
Vol	1250
Tone	Barely Steady

SILVER LARGE

Cash	362.00-363.00
Three Months	371.50-372.50
Vol	1
Tone	Quiet

SILVER SMALL

Cash	362.00-363.00
Three Months	371.50-372.50
Vol	Nil
Tone	Idle

ALUMINIUM

Cash	770.50-771.50
Three Months	785.50-786.00
Vol	2000
Tone	Easier

NICKEL

Cash	2370-2375
Three Months	2430-2432
Vol	210
Tone	Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 31

GB: Cattle, 92.82p per kg lw (+0.42)
GB: Sheep 221.08p per kg* (-20.52)
GB: Pigs, 74.04p per kg lw (+1.09)
* est. dead carcase weight

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 166.7 %, ave. price, 93.01p(-0.99)
Sheep nos. up 122.2 %, ave. price, 220.34p(-15.11)
Pig nos. n/a %, ave. price, 74.04p

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 42.8 %, ave. price, 90.68p(-1.67)
Sheep nos. down 2.4 %, ave. price, 226.94p(-18.78)
Pig nos. n/a %, ave. price, n/a

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig Contract p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	95.00
Apr	unq.	95.00
Jun	unq.	95.50
		Vol: 0

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	unq.	98.50
Apr	unq.	101.50
Jun	unq.	101.50
		Vol: 0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	110.40	110.35
Mar	113.10	113.05
May	115.45	115.45
Jul	117.80	unq.
Sep	100.95	100.15
Nov	102.85	102.95

Vol: Wheat 114
Barley 5

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	106.00	106.00
Apr	147.00	149.50
May	166.50	169.40
Nov	88.50	89.00
		Vol: 336

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
Jan 87	715.0-710.0	712.0
Apr 87	747.0-745.0	747.0
Jul 87	651.0-650.0	651.0
Oct 87	755.0-751.0	754.0

Vol: 127 lots Open Interest: 1995
Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index:
699.0 up 2.0 on 30/12/86

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Blue chips in demand

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on December 22. Dealings end next Friday. §Contango day January 12. Settlement day January 19.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price

Portfolio —Gold—

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
2	Hickson	Chemicals,Plas	
3	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
4	Juliana's Hldgs	Leisure	
5	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
6	Eastern Prod	Industrials E-K	
7	Irish Distl	Breweries	
8	Home Counties	Newspaper,Pubs	
9	TVS N/V	Cinemas,TV	
10	Kode	Electricals	
11	Ash & Lacey	Industrials A-D	
12	Countryside	Building,Roads	
13	Fife Indmar	Industrials E-K	
14	Trusthouse Forte	Hotels,Caterers	
15	Hillsdown Hldgs	Foods	
16	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
17	Br Benzol	Chemicals,Plas	
18	Birmingham Mint	Industrials A-D	
19	Hunter Saphir	Foods	
20	Macro 4	Electricals	
21	Grampian Hldgs	Industrials E-K	
22	Greene King	Breweries	
23	Magnet & South	Building,Roads	
24	EMAP 'A'	Newspaper,Pubs	
25	Caffyns	Motors,Aircraft	
26	Cliffords Dairies	Foods	
27	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
28	Morgan Grenfell	Banks,Discount	
29	Lon Park Hotels	Hotels,Caterers	
30	BICC	Electricals	
31	Stand Chart	Banks,Discount	
32	Braithwaite Grp	Industrials A-D	
33	Kelsey Ind	Industrials E-K	
34	Murray Elect	Electricals	
35	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
36	Laird	Industrials L-R	
37	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
38	Atlantic Comp	Electricals	
39	Gieves	Industrials E-K	
40	Harris Queensway	Drapery,Stores	
41	Wholesale Fitting	Electricals	
42	Lon Scot	Banks,Discount	
43	Combined English	Drapery,Stores	
44	Portals	Industrials L-R	
	© Times Newspapers Ltd.	Daily Total	

Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in today's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Portfolio —Gold—

DAILY DIVIDEND	WEEKLY DIVIDEND
£4,000	£8,000
Claims required for +34 points	Claims required for +147 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

UNDATED

INDEX-LINKED

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
135	127	Rothschild (J) Hld	132½	135	●+¼	7.6	5.7	13.9
429	273	Royl Bk Of Scot	282	285	●+1	15.4	5.2	7.4
[illegible]	[illegible]	Schroders	695	715	-2	15.4	2.2	13.6
894	547	Stand Chart	793	800	+3	48.4	6.6	9.6
89	72	TSB	77	78	+½	6.1	7.9	..
818	636	Union	675	680	+8	52.8	7.8	60.3
78⅝	57⅞	Wells Fargo	69⅝	-	●-1¼	..	..	..
315	280	Wintrust	300	310	..	7.7	2.5	15.0

BREWERIES

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
322	290	Allied-Lyons	320	323	● ..	14.5	4.5	14.7
792	708	Bass	735	738	● ..	24.3	3.3	13.1
87½	70	Belhaven	85	87	● ..	1.2	1.4	35.7
222	115	Boddingtons	130	131	+½	4.8	3.7	16.5
608	555	Brown (Matthew)	555	563	● ..	20.8b	3.8	20.4
161	129	Buckleys	159	161	● ..	4.3	2.7	37.0
156	142	Bulmer (H P)	142	147	● ..	7.7	5.3	14.9
759	665	Burtonwood Brew	660	670	●-1	15.4	2.3	22.1
455	435	Clark (Matthew)	435	440	..	11.4	2.6	15.1
224	187	Devenish (J A)	203	208	●+8	3.9	1.9	18.5
204	165	Greenall Whitley	188	190	●+½	7.9	4.2	8.4
280	203	Greene King	259	262	●+1	8.4	3.2	14.9
355	274	Guinness	294	297	●+8	11.8	3.9	11.2
848	473	Hardys & Hansons	632	640	..	26.7	4.2	14.6
91	65	Highland Dist	65	70	● ..	3.1	4.5	13.3
178	14	Invergordon Dist	138	141	● ..	6.8	4.9	8.9
268	180	Irish Dist	180	185	●+2	6.0	3.3	..
114	97	Marston Thompson	112	113	● ..	3.3	2.9	10.1
465	244	Morland	345	355	● ..	10.0	2.9	17.0
288	131	SA Breweries	220	228	..	..	..	..
234	178	Scot & New	198	200	●-½	10.3	5.2	12.1
540	388	Vaux	485	492	●-1	17.9	3.7	16.8
318	243	Whitbread 'A'	272	274	●+4	11.5	4.2	12.6
318	248	Do 'B'	278	280	● ..	11.5	4.1	12.9
245	210	Whitbread Inv	240	242	●+1	11.0	4.6	30.8
561	480	Wolverhampton & D	550	553	● ..	13.9	2.5	15.5
330	240	Young 'A'	280	290	..	11.4	4.0	19.6

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TOBACCOS

1986 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
491	444	BAT	457	460	-6	18.4	4.0	12.0
143	123	Carroll	140	145	+2	..	..	..
181	135	Rothmans 'B'	178	179	●+½	10.0	5.6	6.3

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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The Year of the Investor

In the first Family Money of the New Year, PETER GARTLAND looks ahead to what sweeping changes in the personal finance world will mean for private investors in 1987 . . . and beyond

Most of all, 1987 will be the year in which the Financial Services Act really begins to bite, thus putting the legislative seal of approval on the most comprehensive review of investor protection for nearly half a century.

Until the Act comes fully into force, investors can find *themselves out on their own* as those who sold British Gas shares through licensed dealer Prior Harwin are now finding out.

The new law is of fundamental importance to private investors because one of its key aims is to create a system of regulation which is not only flexible but also inspires confidence among investors.

In the early 1980s Professor L.C.B. "Jim" Gower, who acted as the Department of Trade's special adviser on investor protection, was fond of saying there should be no intention of preventing a fool and his money from being parted, but that people should be protected from being made fools of. It remains to be seen whether the balance is right.

The achievement of that balance is largely in the hands of the Securities and Investments Board (SIB), chaired by Sir Kenneth Berrill, and the proposed self-regulating organizations (SROs).

It will be the SIB's task to act as chief watchdog on investor protection. The SIB will make overall rules for investment businesses on matters such as conduct of business, adequate financial resources and compensation for investors. In its turn the SIB will rely largely on the various SROs – probably a total of five of them – to control particular sectors of the financial services industry.

The types of investment to be regulated will include shares, unit trusts, investment-type insurance contracts such as unit-linked and endowment policies, as well as futures contracts for commodities and options on currencies and precious metals.

It will be a criminal offence to transact investment business without being authorized as "fit and proper" and the maximum penalty for doing so will be two years' jail.

So much for the really heavy stuff.

Elsewhere in what many people regard as a period of legislative quicksand, we have recently witnessed the passing into law of a new Building Societies Act and yet another *Social Security Act.*

The former, which came into effect on New Year's Day, enables societies to diversify beyond their traditional confines of borrowing cash and paying a rate of interest to depositors in order to lend for house purchase at a higher rate of interest.

With their new-found freedoms, some societies are dipping a tentative toe into the hitherto restricted waters of estate agency, personal loans, money transmission and stockbroking.

If that makes them seem indistinguishable from clearing banks in the eyes of individual customers, then many *building society chiefs*

Men of decision: Sir Kenneth Berrill, left, now chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, and Professor 'Jim' Gower, formerly the ministry's special adviser on investor protection

Pensions revolution in April 1988

privately regard this metamorphosis as no more of a level playing field than they deserve. After all, runs the argument, had not the clearers aggressively muscled in on the home loans territory at a time when the societies were restricted by law to being one-product outfits?

Madison Avenue-style tags – such as "Bradford & Bingley, the building society *that likes to say yes*" – *do not* roll off the tongue quite so easily. But if the societies do become clearing banks in all but name, distinguishing marks will be erased still further by forthcoming pensions changes.

Assuming there is no change of government, the pensions revolution is timed for April 1988.

From that date, according to the provisions of the 1986 Social Security Act, employed people will no longer be required to become or to *remain members of their* employer's occupational scheme. As an alternative they will be free to opt for a personal pension which may be available from banks, building societies and unit trust groups as well as from insurance companies, which currently have a monopoly on the marketing of similar pensions contracts to self-employed people and others in non-pensionable employment.

The financial institutions are already licking their corporate lips at the thought of pensions de-regulation and the challenge of persuading 11 million employed people to *exercise their new-found right* to quit their occupational scheme.

Freeing-up the pensions industry is the end result of the clamour in the early 1980s to remedy the injustices of occupational final-salary schemes for people who changed jobs.

Had scheme managers been more responsive to what seem in retrospect modest demands for reform, the personal pensions bandwagon might well have run out of steam. As it is, the managers of occupational pension funds are now faced with the prospect that they *may be in the business of* providing nourishment to dinosaurs.

Away from the momentous changes to existing practice, 1987 also heralds the start of an entirely new vehicle for private investors – the Personal Equity Plan.

Arguably, the actual birth of PEPs on January 1, 1987, required some inducement on the part of the financial midwives but the infant looks lusty enough, and that is without any of the refinements that are sure to follow. *High on this list* will be getting the maximum annual investment raised from its starting point of £2,400 and getting tax breaks at the pay-in end of the chain, as in the French *Loi Monory.*

Most at competitive risk from PEPs will be the long-term regular savings plans marketed by insurance companies. These plans, both the with-profits and unit-linked variety, have never really recovered from having tax relief on the premiums of new policies withdrawn in the 1984 Budget.

Since the fiscal concession was withdrawn, these contracts have been seen increasingly for what they are – a

Expect wider links for unit trusts

confusion of investment and protection. The tax sweetener used to be their salvation but with that now a thing of the past, they look like products whose time has gone. PEPs will hasten that process.

Not that the nimble-footed among the insurance companies need worry. Life assurance as protection has always been undersold in the UK and mortgages linked to endow*ment policies still command* an important place in the house purchase market. These contracts should come to the forefront of the *insurance* companies' marketing armoury.

Insurance companies can also become big players in the PEPs market just as some of them have done in the unit trust field.

In the unit trust industry itself, 1987 will continue the trend of geographical specialization. Investors have long been accustomed to funds concentrating on the equity markets of, say, Canada or Singapore. Last year the single-country fashion among UK authorized funds spread so as to embrace Continental Europe. UK investors can now *buy units in funds* concentrating on France or Germany or The Netherlands.

This weekend the first fund to specialize solely in Swiss equities is being launched. It will be followed in a few days' time by the first ever UK authorized unit trust to concentrate exclusively on quoted Spanish equities.

Also in 1987, watch out for a widening of investment *links for* unit trusts to include real estate and commodities, as well as money market funds. The Government has not yet announced any firm conclusions following its discussions with the unit trust industry but money market funds, at least, look set to become big sellers just as they have done in the United States.

If the financial professionals will look back on 1986 as the year of Big Bang, private investors may well remember it most of all for the mega-flotation of British Gas.

British Gas was undoubtedly a major step along the road to wider share ownership. However, those who chose to sell early on and pocket the profits may have felt that the disadvantage they were at compared with the *institutions,* because of the fact that official dealings began at least a week before they received their allocation letters, made them feel more of a Wally than a Sid.

Maybe things can be arranged rather more fairly when British Airways trundles down the privatization runway in a couple of months from now. Not least so that private investors can feel they *have an alternative to the risks* of dealing in the "grey market".

The price freeze that welcomes a move

Now is the time to buy a house, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The RICS reports that prices have frozen countrywide in the winter housing market despite variations in supply and demand between the north and south. It says that at the end of 1985 and into the start of 1986, an anticipated but short-lived pause was followed by a further rise. *At the start of 1987* the pattern is being repeated.

Market activity in the early months of 1987 will depend on how severe the rest of the winter is, but prices are likely to start climbing again in the spring. *If* there is to be a spring boom, that may herald rises even greater than the 17.2 per cent recorded by Anglia Building Society for 1986. This average rise, *however,* masks wide regional variations.

According to the Anglia the northern half of the country – north of Birmingham – had an overall average rise of 10.75 per cent. The equivalent rise in the south was 20.49 per cent. Anglia's research points out that some London estates had recorded 1986 rises of more than 50 per cent.

The demand for property was so high during the year that in areas such as Norfolk and the South-East, the practice of gazumping returned.

Probably the only area not to enjoy higher than expected rises was north-east Scotland, Aberdeen in particular, where the oil industry slump led to a marked downturn in prices.

Other areas had their own special reasons for rising prices. The M25 pushed up prices in Surrey. Prices also rose markedly in the south of Northamptonshire, which is now regarded as being within commuting distance of London.

In a separate study, the Nationwide Building Society reports that London house prices went up by 23 per cent in 1986, more than 10 times the increase in Northern Ireland.

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UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
AETNA LIFE INSURANCE 401, St John Street, London EC1V 4QE 01-837 6494 Life Funds				
Squirrel	10.91	11.49	+0.01	..
Bear	10.91	11.49	+0.13	..
Owl	11.64	12.26	+0.08	..
Bull	13.02	13.71	−0.15	..
Stag	12.86	13.54	−0.08	..
Gilt Edged	10.62		+0.15	..
Deposit	9.93		+0.02	..
Pensions				
Squirrel	11.81	12.44	+0.02	..
Bear	11.92	12.55	+0.19	..
Owl	12.67	13.34	+0.10	..
Bull	14.67	15.45	−0.22	..
Stag	14.56	15.33	−0.12	..
Gilt Edged	10.89		+0.16	..
Deposit	10.2		+ ..	..
Exempt App Mixed	134.1	136.8	+0.22	..
ABBEY LIFE 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL 0202 292373				
Property Fund Inc	202.2	212.9	+0.1	..
Do Accum	282.2	297.1	+0.2	..
Equity Fund Income	105.7	111.3	+1.0	..
Do Accum	114.8	120.9	+1.2	..
Selective Fund	241.2	253.9	+0.9	..
Money Fund	222.1	233.8	+0.2	..
Prop Fd Ser 4	223.1	234.9	+0.1	..
Equity Ser 4	117.3	123.5	+1.0	..
Man Ser 4	351.3	369.8	−1.2	..
Conv Ser 4	199.4	209.9	+0.2	..
Money Ser 4	199.2	209.7	+0.2	..
Fixed Int Fd Ser 4	176.5	185.9	+0.9	..
American Ser 4	249.2	262.4	−8.2	..
High Inc Ser 4	295.1	310.7	+1.9	..
Indexed Inv Ser 4	109.1	114.9	−0.8	..
Japan Ser 4	236.2	248.7	−3.4	..
ALBANY LIFE 3, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar 0707 42311				
Equity Fd Acc	728.3	764.5	+6.5	..
European Fd Accum	216.8	228.2	−0.1	..
Fixed Int Acc	297.7	313.4	+2.8	..
Gtd Money Fd Acc	204.3	215.0	+0.3	..
Intl Man Fd Acc	335.7	353.3	−6.0	..
Int Fxd Int Fd Acc	187.3	197.1	+0.8	..
Japan Fund	258.6	272.2	−5.2	..
Nth American Fd Acc	162.4	170.9	−2.2	..
Prop Fd Acc	210.8	221.9	+2.5	..
Multiple Inv Acc	527.0	554.7	+0.8	..
ALLIED DUNBAR ASSURANCE Allied Dunbar Assurance Swindon SN1 1EL 0793-28291				
Fixed Int Dep Accum	225.5	237.4	+0.5	..
Equity Accum	859.3	894.0	+3.7	..
Property Accum	320.5	337.4	+1.5	..
Far East Accum	168.2	177.1	+1.0	..
Managed Capital	318.1	334.9	+2.1	..
Do Accum	517.9	545.2	+3.4	..
Overseas Accum	422.5	444.8	+4.3	..
Gilt Edged Accum	262.8	276.7	+4.7	..
Amer Equity Accum	366.1	385.4	−9.6	..
Amer Man Accum	174.7	183.9	−4.2	..
Amer Prop Accum	129.0	135.8	−1.2	..
BALTIC ASSURANCE 25-26 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4AD 01-493 9899				
Managed Growth	258.0	271.5	−3.14	..
Managed Income	119.0	125.2	+0.73	..
International	200.2	210.7	−4.60	..
High Income	159.5	167.9	+0.86	..
Income & Growth	210.1	221.2	+1.56	..
Basic Resource	104.8	110.3	−2.42	..
American	190.5	200.5	−3.41	..
Far Eastern	369.7	389.2	+0.46	..
Smaller Co's	176.0	185.3	−2.01	..
BARCLAYS LIFE 252, Romford Rd, London E7 9JB 01-534 5544				
Equity Accum	442.3	465.6	+3.5	..
Do Initial	385.7	406.0	+1.9	..
Gilt Edged Accum	202.3	213.0	+2.9	..
Do Initial	177.8	187.2	+2.1	..
International Accum	268.7	282.9	−8.2	..
Do Initial	234.7	247.1	−6.2	..
Managed Accum	303.6	319.6	+0.5	..
Do Initial	265.4	279.4	−0.4	..
Money Accum	177.0	186.4	+0.1	..
Do Initial	150.3	158.3	+0.1	..
Property Accum	207.2	218.2	−0.2	..
Do Initial	179.8	189.3	−0.1	..
America Accum	172.8	181.9	−7.0	..
Do Initial	153.5	161.6	−6.6	..
Australia Accum	165.3	174.1	−1.4	..
Do Initial	147.4	155.2	−1.7	..
Financial Accum	205.6	216.5	+0.7	..
Do Initial	182.7	192.4	+0.1	..
500 Accum	224.3	236.2	+2.1	..
Do Initial	196.3	206.7	+1.3	..
Japan &Gen Acc 2	320.1	337.0	−1.3	..
Do Initial 2	278.8	293.5	−2.0	..
Income Accum	245.1	258.0	+2.5	..
Do Initial	216.7	228.2	+1.6	..
Leisure Accum	150.9	158.9	+1.4	..
Special Sits Accum	123.8	130.4	+1.1	..
Univ Tech Accum	108.0	113.7	−1.7	..
Do Initial	98.3	103.5	−1.9	..
BLACK HORSE LIFE 345a, High St, Chatham 0634 405161				
Black Horse Man Fd	368.96		+3.57	..
Managed Inv Fund	252.2	265.5	+2.06	..
Property Fund	183.1	192.8	+0.17	..
Fixed Interest Fund	178.1	187.5	+3.26	..
Cash Fund	169.0	176.9	+0.23	..
Income Fund	336.9	354.7	+0.84	..
Extra Income Fund	319.0	335.8	+0.40	..
Worldwide Grwth Fd	331.5	349.0	+0.46	..
Balanced Fund	297.5	313.2	+2.52	..
Smlr Co's & Rc Fd	367.8	387.1	+1.48	..
Int Technology Fund	326.8	344.0	−0.52	..
N Amer & Gen Fund	208.2	219.2	−1.37	..
Energy Int Fund	119.8	126.2	−0.19	..
Pacific Basin Fund	248.4	261.5	+1.09	..
BRITISH NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE British National Life House Perrymount Road Haywards Heath West Sussex RH16 3TP 0444 414111				
Managed	208.4	219.4	..	..
Property	172.1	181.2	..	..
Equity	242.0	254.8	..	..
International	277.8	292.5	..	..
Fixed Interest	133.7	140.7	..	..
Deposit	121.4	127.8	..	..
New Technology	152.2	160.2	..	..
CANADA LIFE 2-6, High St, Potters Bar, Herts				
P Bar 51122				
Equity Growth	180.8		+6.2	..
Managed	175.0	184.7	..	..
Property	128.2	135.0	−0.7	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	132.2	139.2	+1.4	..
Index-Linked	108.8	114.6	−3.7	..
Equity	192.1	202.3	−3.8	..
Cash	138.7	146.0	+0.3	..
Midland Bk UT	189.3	199.3	+0.8	..
Midland Bk Int	221.2	232.9	−3.6	..
CANNON ASSURANCE 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 01-902 8876				
Equity Units	..	£71.03	+0.69	..
Property Units	£22.88		+0.42	..
Equity Bond/Exec	£44.22	46.79	+0.35	..
Prop Bond/Exec	£30.91	32.71	+0.60	..
Bal Bd Exec Unit	£34.59	36.60	−0.02	..
2nd Equity Accum	333.5	352.9	+2.9	..
2nd High Inc/Accum	287.8	304.6	+2.1	..
2nd Property Accum	216.7	229.3	+3.9	..
2nd Managed Acc	246.2	260.5	−0.1	..
2nd Deposit Accum	175.6	185.8	..	..
2nd Gilt Accum	174.3	184.4	+0.5	..
2nd Amer Accum	237.8	251.6	−8.2	..
2nd Intl Money Ac	196.5	207.9	−0.2	..
2nd Index Accum	106.1	112.3	−1.2	..
2nd Far East Accum	210.7	223.0	−0.3	..
2nd Global Accum	100.4	106.2	−1.4	..
2nd Euro Accum	109.0	115.3	−1.0	..
2nd Japan Accum	114.0	120.6	−0.8	..
2nd Global Pens Ac	102.0	107.9	−1.7	..
2nd Euro Pens Ac	112.9	119.5	−1.1	..
2nd Japan Pens Ac	119.3	126.2	−0.9	..
L&E SIF	114.0	120.5	..	..
Do 2	74.5	78.5	..	..
CITY OF WESTMINSTER ASSURANCE Sentry House, 500, Avebury Blvd, Cntl Milton Keynes MK9 2LA 0908-606101				
Property Fund	120.7	127.1	..	..
Money Fund	227.8	239.8	..	..
Managed Fund	415.2	437.1	..	..
Equity Fund	263.6	277.5	..	..
Fixed Interest Fund	144.3	151.9	..	..
Far East Fund	220.6	232.3	..	..
Nth Amer Fund	165.5	174.3	..	..
Nat Resources Fund	153.7	161.8	..	..
SUN Flag Fund	126.7	133.4	..	..
PBR Fund	128.6	135.4	..	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL/FIDELITY INTERNATIONAL Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0272 290566 Assurance Funds				
Mixed	137.1	144.4	−0.2	..
Equity	154.4	162.6	+0.9	..
Property	111.5	117.4	..	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	111.7	117.6	+1.4	..
Indexed Secs	95.5	100.7	−1.6	..
Cash	109.2	115.0	+0.1	..
Nth American	109.3	115.1	−2.8	..
Far East	135.5	143.7	+1.4	..
International	129.3	136.2	−1.2	..
Special Sits	149.5	157.4	+0.7	..
Intl Income	144.3	151.9	−0.8	..
European	156.9	165.2	−1.1	..
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	140.8	148.4	−0.1	..
Equity	147.8	155.6	+1.4	..
Property	117.0	123.2	+0.1	..
Gilt & Fixed Int	117.4	123.6	+1.2	..
Index Linked	99.9	105.2	−1.2	..
Cash	117.9	124.2	+0.1	..
Nth American	115.0	121.1	−3.4	..
Far East Acc	156.8	165.1	+2.2	..
International Acc	138.5	145.9	−1.2	..
Special Sits	170.0	179.0	+1.0	..
European Flex	184.2	193.9	−1.9	..
Cash	109.2	115.0	+0.1	..
Nth American	109.3	115.1	−2.8	..
Far East	136.5	143.7	+1.4	..
International	129.3	136.2	−1.2	..
Special Sits	149.5	157.4	+0.7	..
Intl Income	144.3	151.9	−0.8	..
American Inc	119.2	125.5	−3.0	..
European	156.9	165.2	−1.1	..
COLONIAL MUTUAL 24 Ludgate Hill, London EC4P 4BD 01-248 9863				
Cap Life:Key	151.7		..	..
Cap Life:Pacemaker	184.39		..	..
Cap Life:Cash	123.2	129.7	..	..
Cap Life:Equity	243.9	256.7	..	..
Cap Life:Fixed Int	159.2	167.6	..	..
Cap Life:Managed	195.3	205.5	..	..
Cap Life:Property	224.9	236.7	..	..
CML(Pen):Cash Cap	119.8	126.1	−0.07	..
CML(Pen):Cash Inv	132.7	139.7	+0.01	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Cap	365.8	385.1	+5.96	..
CML(Pen):Eqty Inv	405.3	426.7	+6.67	..
CML(Pen):Fixd Cap	177.3	186.7	+3.52	..
CML(Pen):Fixd Inv	198.7	208.9	+4.11	..
CML(Pen):Indx Cap	116.7	122.8	+0.81	..
CML(Pen):Indx Inv	129.3	136.1	+0.98	..
CML(Pen):Man Cap	240.9	253.6	+4.84	..
CML(Pen):Man Inv	267.0	281.0	+5.51	..
COMMERCIAL UNION St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3 01-283 7500				
Var Ann Accum (5)	277.45		..	..
Var Ann (5)	54.58		..	..
Prime- Managed	231.0	243.2	+1.4	..
Prime- UK Equity	256.5	270.1	+2.5	..
Prime- Int Equity	193.8	204.0	−2.6	..
Prime- Property	126.1	132.8	+0.1	..
Prime- Fixed Interest	137.2	144.5	+2.0	..
Prime- Index-Linked	97.7	102.9	−0.4	..
Prime- Cash	123.3	129.8	+0.2	..
CONFEDERATION LIFE 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1HE 01-242 0282				
Managed Fund	613.1	645.3	−1.0	..
Equity Fund	760.2	800.2	+1.5	..
PIP Fund	£21.396		+0.29	..
CROWN FINANCIAL Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 04862 5033				
Life Managed Acc	317.5	334.2	+2.3	..
Life Fixed Int Accum	217.8	229.0	+2.8	..
Life Equity Accum	384.0	404.2	+5.3	..
Life Money Accum	180.5	189.9	+0.5	..
Life Inv Trust Accum	420.8	442.9	+2.0	..
Life Intl Accum	340.6	358.5	−5.7	..
Life High Inc Accum	364.1	383.2	+4.9	..
Life Property Accum	186.8	196.6	+0.1	..
Crown Brit Inv A	489.2		..	..
Brewin Equity	499.5	525.7	..	..
DBS Managed	186.3	196.1	..	..
Growth Accum	209.5	220.5	..	..

These prices refer to Wednesday's trading

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The top 40 funds that showed how it's done

Last year certainly brought excellent returns for unit trust investors backing the top funds. Well over 40 unit trusts produced a better return than the 73 per cent gain recorded by Oppenheimer European Growth, which topped the 1985 performance table.

By Christmas Eve, Legal & General Far Eastern had marked up a gain of 127.4 per cent since January. To find a better return than that one has got to look back to 1975, when Confederation Growth Unit topped the table with a rise of more than 250 per cent. That year, of course, was one of great recovery for the UK stock market, when the FT Industrial Ordinary index more than doubled in 12 months.

Clearly Japan and the other Far Eastern stock markets have been the ingredient for success in this year's listing. Funds specializing in these areas have scooped all the top 20 places.

Fidelity European, at 22nd, is the highest-positioned fund from elsewhere in the world, closely followed by Sun Life Managed Growth with an 84.9 per cent gain. This is one of the three "managed" unit trusts launched by the life office about 18 months ago, aimed particularly at the first time investor. If the company achieved its target market, it has certainly given unitholders a successful introduction to Stock Exchange investment.

Compared with Japan and several of the high-flying Continental markets, Wall Street recorded a fairly tame year. The Standard and Poor's Composite index has risen a little over 25 per cent in sterling terms. Best placed among the US invested funds over the year was Sun Life's American Growth with a 41.6 per cent increase. Prudential's Holborn North American was runner-up with a gain of 37.9 per cent.

Turning to the home market, the FT Actuaries All-Share Index had notched up a 22 per cent rise by Christmas. However, a number of managers showed the index a clean pair of heels.

MIM Britannia UK Market Features led the UK sector with a 56.2 per cent appreciation, while Guinness Mahon Recovery was only a short step behind with a 55.6 per cent rise. Other groups marking up increases of more than 50 per cent over the year on their UK funds were Brown Shipley with its Recovery Fund, FS Service Companies, Royal Trust Capital and Eagle Star UK Growth.

Despite low inflation, high interest rates and buoyant equity markets generally, which are not the best conditions for a strong bullion market, gold bugs did not do too badly. Starting the year at $327 an ounce, the bullion price at one stage last autumn hit $447 on worries about the political situation in South Africa and US inflation fears.

The gold price had dropped to around the $390 level by Christmas, but has still left managers of gold-mining funds showing a sizeable gain.

MIM Britannia Gold & General was up to 52.3 per cent since the start of the year, while Henderson, Schroder and Target were all more than 30 per cent higher. Only Govett Gold & Minerals appears to have missed a few opportunities, as it closed the year with an 8.4 per cent gain.

Not all unitholders, though, have ended 1986 in the black. Forty-five of the 838 trusts monitored over the year have registered losses. Many of the laggards come from the gilt and fixed interest or energy sectors. Some of the energy funds, though, have shown a quick sprint during the past few days on news of the planned Opec production cuts and higher fixed selling costs for oil.

Still one comfort is that none of these funds matches the shake-out recorded at the end of 1985, when funds specializing in the Malaysian and Singapore markets were down 40 per cent or more.

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Sun Life Far East Grth	220.5	Murray European	317.7
County Japan Growth	216.1	Hill Samuel European	305.4
Sun Life Japan Growth	209.4	M&G Euro & General	294.8
Eagle Star Far Eastern	209.0	Mercury Japan	287.8
Wardley Japan	201.2	Guinness Mahon Recovery	286.3
Mercury Japan	196.9	Barrington European	285.8
Dunedin Far East	196.2	Fidelity Japan	280.5
Scottish Pacific	193.1	TR Special Opps	279.9
KB Japanese Growth	189.6	Govett Japan Growth	278.7
* Average	122.1	* Average	196.3

THE WORST

One Year		Three Years	
S&P Energy Industries	93.5	Brown Shipley Technolgy	87.3
BG Technology	93.0	Gartmore Gold Share	84.5
MIM Britannia Gilt	92.9	3i's Smaller Companies	82.3
Henderson American Rcvy	92.7	Canada Growth	81.5
Bridge Int Recovery	91.8	Leo Capital	80.7
3i's Smaller Companies	91.3	MIM Brit World Techngly	79.8
Canada Growth	90.3	Target Commodity	79.3
Lawson Charlotte Square	90.2	KB World Technology	78.7
Cater Allen Gilt	90.0	MIM Brit Uni Energy	65.4
MIM Britannia Uni Engy	81.8	Sentinel American Tech	64.9

Offer to bid basis
Net income reinvested

Source: Planned Savings

Gas people who are going to law for their cash

■ Mike Mahoney, a south London civil servant, is proposing to launch an action group for British Gas shareholders who fear their money is at risk because they sold their shares to the troubled licensed dealer Prior Harwin.

Mr Mahoney was unsuccessful, on technical company law grounds, in his attempt to persuade the British Gas chairman Sir Denis Rooke to intervene in his plight. He is now attempting to gather support for a legal action to get a stop notice issued. The effect of this would be to prevent British Gas from registering the transfer of shares without the consent of the person or persons in whose favour the stop notice was made. This would include unpaid sellers to Prior Harwin.

British Gas investors who find themselves in this predicament can contact Mr Mahoney at 91 Graham Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 3SP.

YOU ARE HERE, BUT WITH THE RIGHT SORT OF MORTGAGE YOU COULD BE HERE:
Smith

Accountants attack

■ The Chartered Accountants' Institute has attacked the Inland Revenue for "failing to tackle anomalies, ambiguities and complexities in tax rules". The accountants are frustrated that their repeated calls for greater clarity on the tax treatment of, for example, share incentive arrangements, have failed to produce any positive result.

In a separate move, the accountants' organization has also complained to Customs and Excise that many of its recent proposals on VAT are so complex that many small traders will not use them.

Drivers' advisers

■ DAS, the insurance company specializing in legal expenses cover, has added a free advisory service to its Motor Legal Protection Policy. This is a contract that provides companies and individuals operating business vehicles with insurance against the costs of legal action or dispute. The company says its advice will be backed up by a computer-based legal research service.

For UK companies operating in Continental Europe, including Eastern bloc countries, and in the Middle East, DAS has widened its bail bond facility for obtaining the release of drivers or vehicles from custody.

Spanish and Swiss

■ Investment management company Laing & Cruickshank has taken the highly unusual step of recommending a unit trust which has not yet been launched, as one of its tips for 1987.

L&C's unit trust analyst Richard Nicholas says that investors looking for capital growth should buy the Dumenil Spanish Growth Fund which is due to be launched later this month. It will be the first ever authorized unit trust to invest exclusively in the shares of companies quoted on the Spanish stock market. The launch of a Spanish fund follows the trend set in 1986 of funds specializing in single Continental European countries. UK investors now have a choice of West Germany, France and The Netherlands, as well as the forthcoming Spanish fund.

Also, from today Providence Capital Fund Managers is launching its Swiss Equities Fund – a unit trust concentrating solely on Swiss company shares.

ProvCap's investment director John Gordon believes Swiss equities will be the front European runners in 1987 and that the strength of the Swiss franc will provide an added attraction for investors. The minimum investment in this fund is £500.

Stockbrokers' PEPs

■ New offers of personal equity plans (PEPs) continue to roll off the financial production line, with the latest flurry of marketing activity being strongest among stockbrokers.

Phillips and Drew has announced two PEPs options. First there is the Share Plan which will be limited to a small number of investments and is aimed at investors who already have established portfolios but wish to take advantage of the PEPs tax savings. P&D's second plan is geared to investments that are more widely spread and more suited to investors with smaller portfolios. Both schemes will be managed on a discretionary basis.

Laing & Cruickshank, Sheppards and Rensburg are among other firms of stockbrokers to bring out new PEPs this week.

Licensed dealer Lamont & Partners is also launching a PEP scheme. This one incorporates a loanback facility which will be available on an amount up to the value of the PEP at an interest level of around 3 per cent over base rate.

Better bonuses

■ Clerical Medical and Guardian Royal Exchange are among the major insurance companies to announce improvements in the level of their terminal bonuses this week.

Terminal bonuses are sums of money added to the maturity value of with-profits insurance and individual pension policies to reflect investment surpluses earned over the lifetime of the policies.

Clerical Medical claims its 1987 terminal bonus values are higher than the amounts paid by any other insurance company in 1986. It quotes the example of a £30-a-month 10-year endowment policy taken out a decade ago by a man aged 29. In 1987 this contract would produce a maturity value of £8,943, representing an annual net yield of 17.3 per cent. The retirement bonus rate on the company's pension policies has also been raised substantially.

In addition, GRE has improved its terminal bonus rates in line with its approach of giving a fair return to different generations of policyholders.

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The profit prophets pick their winners

Will 1987 continue the upward trend for unit trusts or will the pessimists who predict that the 12-year bull market is coming to an abrupt end be proved right?

If you are searching for reasons to justify predictions of a sharp downward correction in the stock markets, you need look no further than pre-election jitters in the UK, the effect on Wall Street of the "Iragua" and Ivan Boesky scandals, and the over-heated state of Japanese share prices.

Optimists counter that the aforementioned political factors on both sides of the Atlantic are already known and if they have not destabilized the markets up to now, why should they in 1987? As for Japanese shares looking expensive — well, Japanese shares always look expensive but investors retain confidence in the powerhouse nature of the Japanese economy and the industrious qualities of the Japanese people.

It was with such thoughts in mind that we invited a high-level group of investment specialists to set out their views on the development of *the major stock markets of the* UK, United States, Japan and Continental Europe and the influences that will affect their development.

We asked them to stick their necks out by selecting which of the four major market possibilities held out the best capital growth prospects for UK investors during the next 12 months. We also asked our *investment experts to take into* account the ups and downs of currency shifts, and to select a smaller market or sector such as Hong Kong or West Germany or gold if they thought investors should be particularly aware of prospects in these more specialized fields.

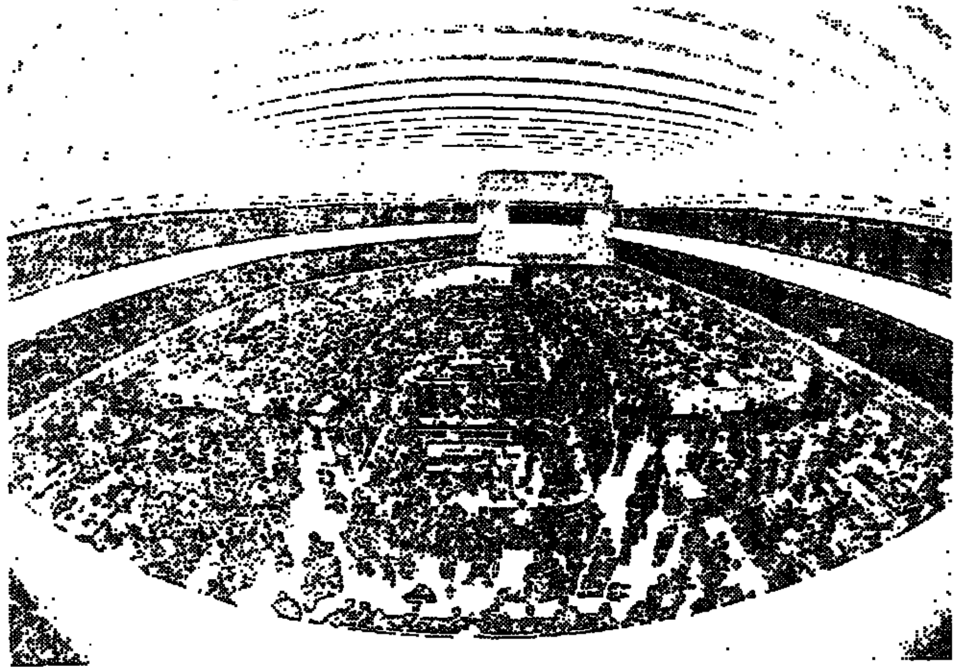
The results appear on these pages, and fascinating reading they make too. What shows *through most of all is that* many investment professionals reckon that 1987 will be the year to keep your money at home. That view is put most succinctly by two of our gurus.

Harry Littlefair, of Allied Dunbar, says: "I expect the best performance from the UK market," and Geoffrey Harrison-Dees, of Sun Life, comments, "The UK is my favourite major market for 1987."

Continental Europe gets a fair degree of support but most of our experts are extremely cautious of the United States, while the star performer of 1986 — Japan — attracts *hardly any support. Of* the smaller markets, Hong Kong is reckoned to be the best speculative tip.

Remember that these are the views of senior investment professionals who handle literally billions of pounds of savings on behalf of individual investors. That does not make them infallible, but it does make them worth listening to. Read on and judge for yourself.

Peter Gartland



The bustling Tokyo stock exchange: impressive in 1986 but little favoured for 1987

Paddy Linaker: US economy looking uncertain

Potential in the UK

■ **Paddy Linaker, of M&G GROUP:** Of the four major investment areas, I consider the UK has most potential. Economic growth is continuing at a satisfactory rate and manufacturing industry will benefit from the substantial decline in sterling against all currencies (apart from the US dollar) during the past 12 months.

Although the US equity market is relatively attractive in statistical terms, the outlook for the economy looks uncertain. There is no indication that the fundamental deficit problems are being tackled, while major parts of the economy, particularly agriculture and heavy industry, look set to continue a prolonged period of decline.

The Japanese market has continued to confound most investment pundits. However, I cannot bring myself to be bullish of a market which rates equities on a 45 P/E while profits are continuing to decline under the influence of a strong currency and declining export markets. Weight of money is the joker in the pack here.

I anticipate there will be good opportunities for investment in Continental Europe this year. However, following two years of strongly rising markets I am not going to make Europe my choice for 1987. The investment managers' problem in Europe is going to be selecting the most attractive stocks from a patchwork of different economies and highly volatile markets.

Currencies are, of course, a very important factor that the UK investor must take into account when contemplating overseas investment. The past 12 months have shown a very significant depreciation in sterling against the European and Japanese currencies. This has been of considerable benefit to UK investors in 1986 and I do not anticipate continued sterling weakness of this magnitude this year.

US offers the best

■ **Chris Tracey, of SAVE & PROSPER:** The stock market with the greatest potential is the United States with corporate profits benefiting not only from the weak dollar but also from the substantial cutbacks in corporate overheads. The currency risk for sterling-based investors is probably the least against the major currencies.

The Japanese stock market may make further gains early in the new year but appears the least attractive for the year as a whole, given its very high rating and the possibility of sterling bouncing against the yen.

Chris Tracey: election opinion polls have their effect

Continental European markets offer considerable potential provided the Bundesbank cuts interest rates, which I would expect at some stage in the first quarter.

The UK stock market will obviously be affected by opinion polls and the timing of the election, but current interest *rates discount at least some of* the political risks, and double-digit growth in corporate profits and dividends will limit any downside. The UK stock market might provide the biggest surprise on the upside for 1987.

Europe still tops

■ **David Glasgow, of ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS:** Although the major markets are at or near their high points, current valuations do not generally seem too high after the move from high to lower inflation.

David Glasgow: Japan is distinctly over-priced

Europe still offers the best potential with least risk. Share prices generally offer good value in the light of prospective profits growth, while domestic and overseas demand for shares in thin European markets is likely to continue.

In the United States the fall in the dollar is largely over, enabling a reduction in the trade deficit and encouraging overseas investors. Profits in 1987 will probably be higher than many current estimates, and on this basis the market is good value. I currently recommend 25 per cent each in Europe and the United States for the UK investor seeking growth.

Japan looks distinctly over-priced after the 45 per cent rise in 1986, although domestic cash flow and other factors will probably prevent a significant fall. By contrast the UK market looks reasonably valued in economic terms but could respond sharply either way to political developments as an election approaches. I recommend 10 per cent each in the UK and Japanese equities. Outside the major markets, I like the Asian Pacific area, where I also recommend 10 per cent, despite the inherent riskiness of those markets.

Currencies are unlikely to be a major influence on returns. Although sterling is vulnerable to a fall in the oil price and political developments, and the West German mark has probably risen too far, the relative values between the dollar, yen, mark and sterling look broadly well founded.

Stay home for profits

■ **Harry Littlefair, of ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS:** I expect the US market to make further progress in 1987, but recent volatility *may continue in the* short term.

The Japanese stock market has been very firm, driven more by Japan's high liquidity than by economic fundamentals. The weight of money argument may continue for some time but with little improvement in corporate profits expected a degree of caution is recommended.

European markets will continue to attract funds in 1987, although those expecting the heady returns seen in previous years will probably be disappointed. Now that the indiscriminate rush of money into Europe is waning, investors will need to be increasingly selective. France, The Netherlands and Spain look attractive.

In the United Kingdom, the market looks set to move higher in 1987 after a 20 per cent-plus rise in 1986. Corporate profits will rise significantly in 1987 and interest rates should again start to fall.

All in all, I expect the best performance from the UK market.

Harry Littlefair: US volatility may continue

Rainer Kahrmann: post-election sell-off in Britain

Favour the Continent

■ **Rainer Kahrmann, of EBC AMRO:** 1987 will bring home the message to the British investor that, yet again, water does not flow uphill. It may run sideways but fundamentally it flows downhill. The UK stock market will be a sideways market and only of interest for special situations. Assuming an early election, there might be some pre-election flurry, only to be followed by a post-election sell-off.

The UK market will be particularly unrewarding from an international point of view. Currency-wise there is nothing to be gained in UK stocks. Sterling is still half a "petro currency" and half an "interest differential currency".

On both counts the downside risk is high. An $18-a-barrel oil price will not stick and any (unwarranted) strength in sterling will be used to cut interest rates for political ends — not to mention the impact of a potentially weakish US dollar on sterling's trade-weighted value and not to mention the potential damage to sterling from the sharply deteriorating trade balance.

Against this background I recommend for the British investor the Continental European markets, in particular France, West Germany and Switzerland. All three seem to be very safe bets with the latter likely to benefit from a technically inspired boost to local shares. Shun the United States and Japan other than for well researched and strategically motivated special situations.

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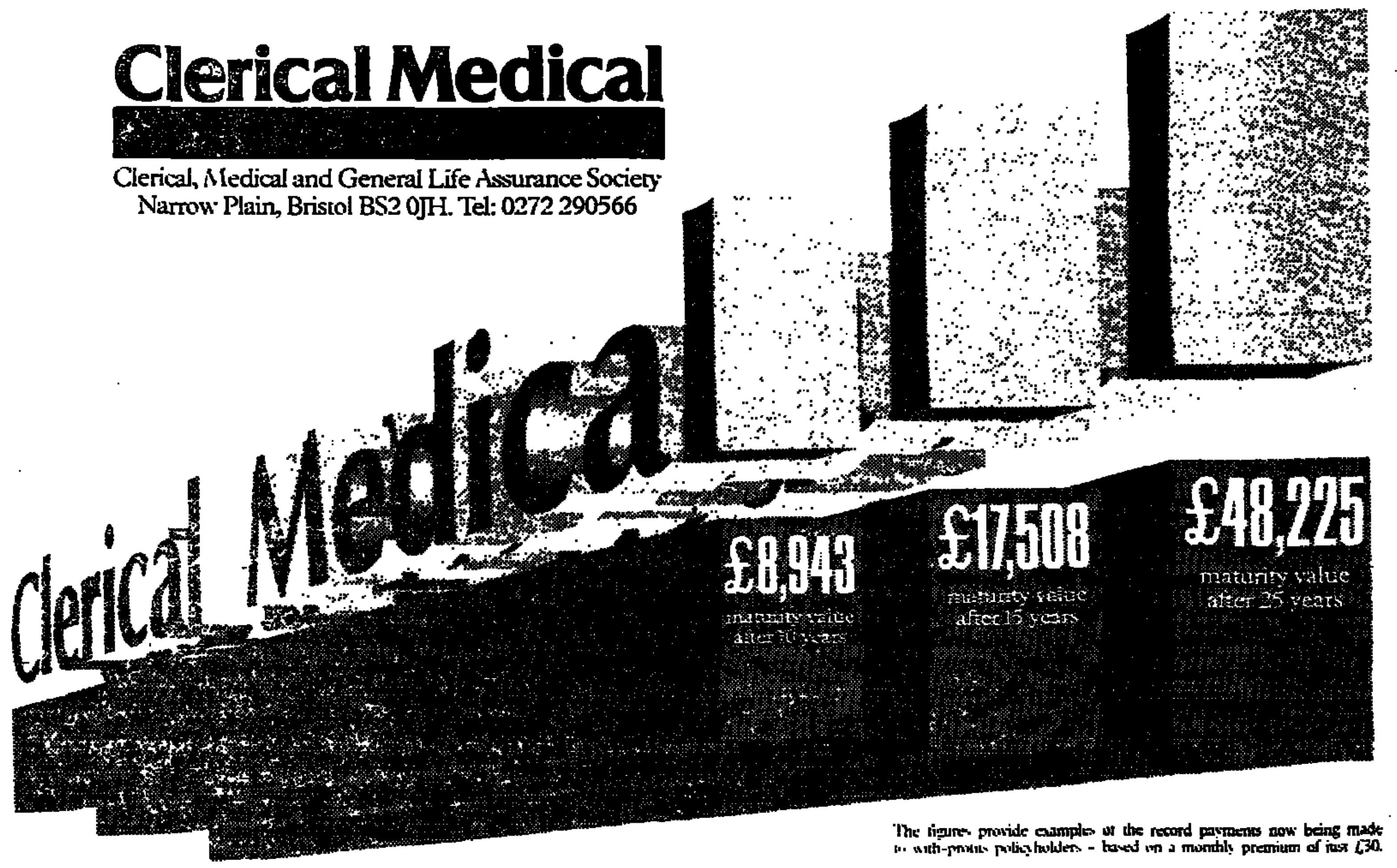

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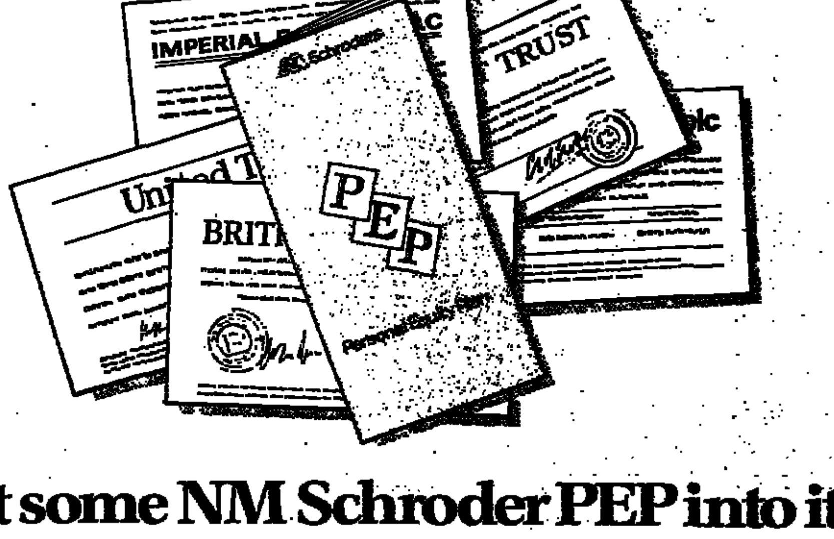

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John Gittings: over-heating in the British economy

Watch the tax cuts

■ **John Gittings, of TOUCHE REMNANT:** With an election probable in the UK, the Chancellor will not resist the temptation to make significant tax cuts. This, with the present level of consumer spending and pay settlements, will lead eventually to overheating in the economy, with higher inflation.

Further sustained profit growth is anticipated, which, together with increased dividends, will support a meaningful advance in UK stock market levels, given the limited progress during the latter part of 1986.

A gradual improvement in US industrial production and corporate profits will sustain a further general stock market advance and, within this, a renewed interest in smaller, high-growth stocks. The dollar will maintain broadly current levels.

In Japan the market is close to its historic peak and investment ratings are extremely high by international standards. The economy remains depressed as exports continue to fall following the revaluation of the yen. It is tempting to write the market off and look elsewhere, but there is still value to be had, with the Government's increasing efforts to stimulate the domestic economy and large amounts of domestic capital still available for equity investment. The yen, however, will not appreciate significantly.

In Europe, I continue to view the economic and stock market prospects as attractive. Major currencies should remain strong and may appreciate further. Within the markets, I am particularly impressed by France and Holland.

My most favoured markets for 1987 are in Europe; my "nap" sector is technology.

Mick Newmarch: further advances almost everywhere

Good year for bulls

■ **Mick Newmarch, of PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS:** World stock markets have been in a bull phase for several years now; nevertheless, in general, I believe that this bull market remains intact, so expect to see further advances in most of the world's equity markets during 1987.

The outlook for real economic growth in 1987 looks promising. Stocks are still not overvalued relative to bonds, and inflation remains subdued. Finally, interest rates should have further to fall in some countries, including in the UK, although this latter possibility presupposes the re-election of the present government.

Against this generally favourable background I have a strong relative preference for markets in Continental Europe, and our Holborn European Trust is my recommended investment. Risks in Europe appear to be low. While I expect the US market to move higher this year, a further moderate decline in the dollar is still possible and could offset any gains from the stock market. I believe that investors should be cautious of Japan. The market's very high valuation suggests a high risk.

Finally, I am optimistic about the UK market. The economic background for corporate profitability should be encouraging with fears of pick-up in inflation fading as the year unfolds. My present central forecast is that the FTA index will stand at more than 900 by year end. Sterling should be broadly stable.

Geoffrey Harrison-Dees: bumpy ride in Japan

Britain's my choice

■ **Geoffrey Harrison-Dees, of SUN LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT:** The lower level of the dollar is helping the US trade deficit and industrial production, boosting profits in manufacturing and cyclical recovery stocks. Impact from the tax reform legislation and an expected further cut in interest rates will add further stimulation.

Sector selection remains the key to performance in Japan and the financial sector is worth serious attention. However, the driving forces of sentiment, speculation and the weight of money chasing a limited choice are likely to produce a bumpy ride.

I expect to see further advances on the continental European bourses during this year. The attractive ratings of the major markets of West Germany, France and Switzerland should receive more attention than the smaller markets such as Spain and Italy where settlement problems persist. I do not expect major currency movements.

The UK outlook is encouraging. The Tories are riding high in the polls and an election is in the offing. Profits growth from the lower level of sterling and a further boost to economic growth may be expected. While the recent increase in oil prices should prevent a traditional new year sterling crisis, I remain cautious of the prospect of $18 a barrel being held. Should sterling strengthen I would expect to see foreign investors attracted back to our shores.

On balance, therefore, I remain cautiously optimistic for the United States and happy with Europe, but the UK is my favourite major market for 1987. Of the minor markets, Hong Kong looks very promising.

Fred Carr: the economies will converge again

Oil prices staying up

■ **Fred Carr, of CAPEL-CURE MYERS:** One significant thing about 1987 is that growth rates of the major economies will converge again. Also I think there is a good chance that higher oil prices will stick. GNP growth in the United States will probably be a little higher than in 1986, though there are doubts about the personal sector's ability to sustain the rapid growth of consumer spending seen in recent years.

This year may be a lean one economically for Japan, with the strong yen continuing to be the main (and negative) influence on economic growth. The UK economy will probably buck the trend to weaker growth and will perform comparatively well, with unemployment continuing on a downward trend. Slow but respectable growth, dependent on the consumer, is likely for the major European economies. Apart from in France, inflation will be virtually non-existent.

Finally, the economies of Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong should grow strongly in 1987, mainly because of the inroads they have already made into the industrialized world.

And how does this link up with equity markets? Japan and — surprise, surprise — the UK (politics permitting) could be the best bets for the UK investor next year. America probably won't produce much, and in Europe, the Dutch, Swiss and French markets look to have better prospects than West Germany. Among the smaller markets, Hong Kong should again do very well. The yen and the deutschmark bloc currencies still look attractive for the UK investor.

Ian Sampson: growth to reflect favourable factors

Link up with PEP

■ **Ian Sampson, of N.M. SCHRODER:** My view for 1987 is best illustrated by the allocation of new money coming into our Portfolio Management Service and our Managed Currency Fund portfolio.

In the Portfolio Management Service we are currently investing about 50 per cent in the United Kingdom, including 10 per cent in gilts. We see inflation remaining low, interest rates trending downwards and corporate profits growing strongly. Economic growth in 1987 should reflect these favourable factors.

Nearly 20 per cent goes into our European Fund, which places emphasis on West Germany, Switzerland, France and Holland. We expect the deutschmark to be strong against sterling and about half of our Managed Currency Fund is so invested. About 20 per cent of new money is invested in America, with emphasis on the larger companies, where the statistics for industrial production, retail sales and housing starts all indicate good prospects for economic growth.

We expect little change in the sterling-dollar parity but such as there is should favour the dollar. The final 10 per cent goes into Japan where we feel that 1988 will be better than 1987. In the smaller markets Hong Kong could merit a modest speculation.

My most valuable, but also my most boring, advice is that you choose a UK income fund, a European fund and an American fund, each from a different leading unit trust group, and start regular saving schemes for approximately equal amounts in each of them. If you can link one to a PEP, so much the better.

Clive Fenn-Smith: looking good for exports

Election is a factor

■ **Clive Fenn-Smith, of BARCLAYS UNICORN:** The economic background for the United Kingdom is reasonably good but the market will be affected by election rumours. Exporters should fare better as a result of sterling's fall in 1986 and there will be opportunities to take advantage of special situations. However, a still fragile currency and the need for credit restraint will tend to keep interest rates firm.

In the United States, after the steep fall in the dollar, import substitution is getting under way and companies are leaner and tougher. These factors should lead to substantial earnings growth during 1987, and the market does not yet reflect this potential.

In Japan, industrial output has been flat, reflecting the drop in export volumes and the decline in manufacturing investment. In contrast, domestic demand is firm and I feel that the worst of the news is already in the market. The improved outlook for earnings should help the market to advance and the benefit will be greater when translated into sterling terms.

I believe that Europe will again perform well in 1987. The currencies of the deutschmark bloc countries are likely to appreciate and there is an increasing internationalization of stock markets, which will benefit the main European centres. In particular, the Japanese have been building up some experience of Europe and will take a bigger stake while at the same time domestic investors, especially in France, are taking a greater interest in their own markets.

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Your 10 paths to prosperity as you plan another new year

"Promises are like piecrust, made to be broken." If that is your view of New Year resolutions that are based on self-improvement by self-denial then you are probably right. TOM TICKELL offers you an easier alternative — 10 resolutions that will help you to become more affluent in 1987

Keeping a permanent finger on the financial pulse is **RESOLUTION ONE**, so you know just how you are placed. At a basic level that means keeping track of your financial contracts.

The obvious way to limber up for that continuing virtue is to list details of insurance policies, savings plans and *investment schemes, to find* exactly what you have got.

If you have planned your finances carefully it may give you a warm glow. But most people's finances grow up higgledy-piggledy, so the exercise *may* well reveal gaps in your financial armoury.

A brisk session of cross-examination comes as **RESOLUTION TWO**. Why are you saving, and do your present dispositions make sense?

Prophecies of fall in prices have failed

The City's pessimists expect share prices to fall later in the year, once the election is out of the way, and the classic way to lose money on shares or unit trusts is to hold on for just too long.

They also add that the present bull market has been running for 12 years, and that the spate of take-overs last year was all too reminiscent of the early 1970s.

The case is not open and shut. Optimists will point to prophecies of a sustained fall in share prices in every one of the past three years, which have always proved false.

But whatever your views, it makes sense to review the state of your investment.

RESOLUTION THREE is to keep banking free, which usually means staying out of the red.

Most banks levy charges if you dip into overdraft for even one day of the three months over which they work out their figures.

The only way to avoid them is usually to keep an average balance of £400 or £500.

Cheques do not come cheap. They can cost up to 30p each, and banks seem to be in the process of abandoning the rule that withdrawing money from a cash machine is cheaper.

But you certainly should not subsidize the bank — that is **RESOLUTION FOUR**.

Minimum in bank to avoid charges

Many people still keep a permanent £2,000 or £3,000 in their current accounts, which merely ensures that the bank receives interest that could go into their own pockets.

The answer is to keep the minimum you need to avoid bank charges, and move the rest, perhaps into a high-interest cheque account.

Most unit trust groups have them, and so indeed do the main high street banks, except National Westminster. The old restrictions laying down a minimum £200 or £250 a cheque have long since gone.

In the future building societies may be runners offering genuine current accounts with interest. The new powers they received this week allow them to issue cheque guarantee cards for the first time, and the Nationwide certainly plans its own current account scheme in the spring.

RESOLUTION FIVE covers your building society savings. Despite all the special higher interest schemes, thousands of millions of pounds still sit in ordinary share accounts when they should not be there.

Share accounts really make sense only for money that may be immediately necessary; funds in higher rate accounts are just as accessible, sometimes subject to a small penalty for immediate withdrawal, but sometimes not, depending on how much you keep there.

The rates that societies pay vary widely. Small societies, such as the Cheshunt and the Leamington Spa, do not boast much of a branch network, but can usually offer better terms than the giants; the Cheltenham & Gloucester is one medium-sized society that usually offers good investment terms.

Ensuring that your savings and tax position match should be **RESOLUTION SIX**.

When I was a child, my savings were firmly put into National Savings certificates, for everyone knew that like Magna Charta, they were a Good Thing.

They were — and are — tax-free, right up the scale, and although they may well make sense for a company director, they certainly did nothing for a scruffy seven-year-old, except tie up his money for too long.

Attractive for many old age pensioners

The National Savings Investment Account (InVac) makes far more sense for children, for it is about the only account to pay out interest without deducting tax.

It is also attractive for many pensioners, who are either outside the tax net completely, or receive only part of the extra age allowance.

If you are single and over 65, with an income between £9,400 and £10,173, the National Savings Investment Account is by far the best option for ready money.

Matching tax and investments — **RESOLUTION SEVEN** — applies higher up the income scale. Insurance bonds may have their virtues for higher rate taxpayers, for they can take up to 5 per cent of their *value* every year without incurring any tax on what they withdraw.

But the fact that the bonds pay capital gains tax for you within the fund at a reduced rate is worse than useless for the average *small investor*.

No tax is liable at all unless you make gains of more than £6,300 in this tax year, and effectively with indexation the starting point will always be higher. Paying tax at a reduced rate, *instead of not at all*, is hardly an alluring prospect. Unit trusts are usually a better buy.

Personal Equity Plans, or PEPs, are now sprouting up in every corner of the financial *world. They allow you the* right to make gains tax-free once again, and to receive any income tax-free.

However, if you do not have large gains elsewhere, and are looking for capital growth, *they do not make much* common sense.

Remember that if you can use the concessions, and take out a PEPs plan today, you will have to hold it for the whole of this year and 1988 as *well before you benefit.*

RESOLUTION EIGHT is to make the most of any generosity — by bringing in the Inland Revenue to help.

That is not just restricted to covenants for children at college or university, *though that* concession is certainly important. If you want to make gifts to charities, covenants need last for only a minimum of three years, and this time you can claim tax back at *higher, as well as basic rate.*

What is more, the Government's planned giving scheme starts in April. You can give up to £120 a year — having the money deducted from your salary — though, admittedly, your employer has to agree to the scheme first.

Preparing to meet your doom is **RESOLUTION NINE** — though this time the move is strictly altruistic.

The idea is really to help your family not just by ensuring that you leave a will behind that is up to date, but by ensuring that executors know where formal documentation for your insurance policies, pension plans, and savings accounts actually happens to be.

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A will can save complications

RESOLUTION TEN is, of course, to keep at least some of the other nine — and that is the toughest test of all.

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How the bed and breakfast business has suffered

Bed-and-breakfasting could be one of the unexpected casualties of Big Bang. B&B operations are now likely to involve investors in a degree of risk. DANBY BLOCH and RAYMOND GODFREY explain

Until October 27, 1986, bed-and-breakfasting shares was certainly acceptable to the Inland Revenue, at least in practice. Now there must be considerable doubt.

Bed-and-breakfasting describes a useful capital gains tax saving ploy for investors. Individuals and married couples each have a small gains exemption; this year investors can realize net gains up to £6,300 without paying any CGT. If you have realized gains of more than this, you could sell any other investments on which you are showing losses to bring your net gains down to the £6,300 level — saving yourself from paying CGT this year.

If you simply want to switch out of your loss-making shares into new investments, you sell and reinvest elsewhere.

But you may wish to have your cake and eat it, selling your shares to realize the tax loss, yet also holding on to them afterwards; this is where bed-and-breakfasting is useful. Another common use of it is where the small gains exemption would otherwise have been wasted.

For example, if you have shares worth £60,000 on which there are potential £50,000 gains, you could be facing a CGT liability of up to £15,000. You could sell the shares gradually by using the annual exemption, but if you want to retain the shares, you could still reduce the final tax bill by carrying out B&B operations every year. By selling some of the shares and buying them back every year, you would increase the base cost of the investment and reduce the ultimate taxable capital gain.

This year, for instance, you would sell and buy back sufficient shares to realize £6,300 of capital gains.

Under the old pre-Big Bang procedure, bed-and-breakfasting was relatively simple and risk-free. You would ask your broker to bed-and-breakfast a loss or gain for you. He would sell the shares at the end of the afternoon's trading and buy them back from the jobber first thing the next morning. In theory at least, the two transactions were separate and arranged with the jobber on separate days.

It was important that the buying and selling took place on different days, otherwise they would be identified together and the tax loss or gain would not be realized.

Strictly, the jobber should not have been aware that he would have to sell the shares back the next day, as that would have meant the investor had entered into two transactions on the same day. In fact, bed-and-breakfast operations were invariably prearranged with jobbers to cut the costs of the transactions and remove the risk of overnight price changes affecting the cost to the investor of buying back his investments.

This cosy arrangement worked *well for all concerned.* The broker and jobber earned a reasonable return for a simple exercise. The investor carried out a risk-free, relatively cheap transaction saving him tax either now or in *the future. And the Revenue* did not generally attack these operations, being prepared to consider the jobber was a third party entirely unrelated to the investor himself.

However, the new structure and rules governing stock market transactions post-Big Bang have ended some practices that allowed old-style bed-and-breakfast operations to flourish.

Share prices can be traced all day

Bed-and-breakfasting old-style was risk-free, because, in practice, if the value of the share moved substantially overnight, the jobber could simply ignore the new price in the morning, or, perhaps where a very substantial change had occurred, the original bargain could be unwound and the operation postponed until another night.

Unfortunately, dealing under the new market conditions has removed the *possibility of either ignoring* overnight share movements or of cancelling bargains. Market-makers, the successors to jobbers, have to follow the "best execution rules" and cannot quote special prices to some investors and not others.

It is now possible to trace the prices of shares minute by minute throughout every trading day. So the imprecisions that were feasible in the past are now no more. Further*more,* under the new electronic recording system, deals can no longer be cancelled.

One alternative might be for the investor to sell and buy back from the broker, who would act as principal, rather than merely agent for the investor arranging the transaction with the market-maker. To separate the transactions, different instructions would have to be given by the investor on the two days, first to sell and then, next day, to buy back.

Yet whether you bed-and-breakfast with a market-maker through a broker or with a broker acting as principal it looks as though you will have to be genuinely on risk overnight. You will also have to pay the 0.5 per cent stamp duty now levied on deals, even within the Stock Exchange account.

How big is the risk that prices will move overnight? On big international companies traded in both Tokyo and New York, the risk is much greater than for companies whose shares are traded only locally. But even then after-hours dealing or important overnight news could have dramatic effects on the cost of a bed-and-breakfast operation.

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Retirement housing, the new industry

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This decade has seen a rapid increase in the development of the sheltered housing market.

Before 1983 fewer than 2,500 such units existed, but by the end of 1985 well over 30,000 homes, purpose-built for the elderly, had been completed or were under construction in more than 900 schemes throughout the UK.

Retirement housing now represents the fastest-growing sector of the house-building market, and sites suitable for such developments generally command the highest residential land prices.

As might be expected, however, this pattern of development is mainly concentrated in southern England. Indeed, a recent study published by the Housing Research Foundation showed that almost half the retirement homes built so far have been in Sussex, Greater London, Hampshire, Kent, Devon and Surrey. These are areas where housing prices are generally high enough to permit the elderly to "trade down" and purchase retirement property.

The study forecast that there will be a building rate of between 20,000 and 24,000 units every year, assuming that suitable sites are available by the end of the 1980s.

However, the report was critical of the leasehold arrangements in some schemes. These arrangements include simply returning the original purchase price of a home when a resident leaves, excessively high charges by managing agents on resale, restricting occupation to named occupiers, and non-assignable leases in which only the managing agents have the right to sell the property.

A code of practice for the management of these schemes and more formal training and selection of wardens were also advocated in the conclusion of the study.

Some form of regulation may well be needed here, with more than 100 companies involved in this market. They include such large organizations as McAlpine, Wates, Barratt, Ideal and Wimpey, as well as small local companies.

McCarthy & Stone, of New Milton, Hampshire, pioneered the construction of private sheltered apartments in 1977, and it is now the market leader. Sales increased to 737 units in 1985, from 482 in the previous 12 months.

Now seeking to expand abroad

The company maintains that it can eventually support 3,000 units a year with its land bank. It has six regional offices in the UK and is now seeking to expand abroad, starting with a development in Jersey. France and Spain are also being considered as possible locations.

These developments offer private independent flats with their own front door. A warden is on call for emergencies and social activities. The communal facilities include a residents' lounge with kitchen attached, and a laundry room. Guest bedrooms are also usually available.

Comfort in retirement: a McCarthy & Stone apartment

Naturally, costs will tend to vary from area to area, but a McCarthy & Stone one-bedroom flat would sell for £28,000 on average, and a two-bedroom unit for £75,000 or more, for a 99-year lease. There will also be a management charge. This includes the cost of providing a warden, general maintenance, and heating and lighting for the communal areas.

Apartments for 'gracious' living

Charges range from £11 per week for a one-bedroom, one-person unit, to £15 per week for a one-bedroom, two-person unit, and £18 to £20 per week for a two-bedroom unit. Personal costs such as rates, lighting and heating for the unit are extra.

The market is now moving towards the provision of luxury developments for the richer retired. This trend is confirmed by such companies as Osprey, Speyhawk's newly established retirement housing offshoot, which paid £109 million for the site of its first block of 36 luxury apartments for "gracious retirement" in Golders Green, north London. The company aims to build 500 luxury homes a year in 1988.

There also appears to be increasing demand for schemes combining residential and health care facilities. These would enable people to remain in retirement schemes even when they become frail.

As is the case with any new venture, you should obtain independent advice before moving into sheltered accommodation. Information on developments can be obtained from The Elderly Accommodation Council (EAC), of Eardley House, 182-184 Campden Hill Road, London W8 (01-243 8548).

The EAC can provide computer printouts on various retirement projects throughout Britain. The charge is £6 to register, which is returned if nothing suitable is found.

Age Concern has also been very active in this field, mainly in warning people about the problems that can be encountered. These can include excessive increases in the service charges, dissatisfaction with the warden, and restrictions on the resale of properties.

It has produced a fact sheet called *Sheltered Housing For Sale, How To Avoid The Pitfalls*. In particular, Age Concern advises against signing a lease that allows the landlord to retain any increase in value other than an agreed deduction towards the sinking fund for major repairs.

The fact sheet also shows what should be expected in terms of design, from security on doors and windows, to convenience of light switches and sockets. There is additional information on how to judge the alarm system, what to expect from a warden, caretaker or resident secretary, and whether there is any equity retention on the eventual sale of the flat or house.

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Stephen Spurdon

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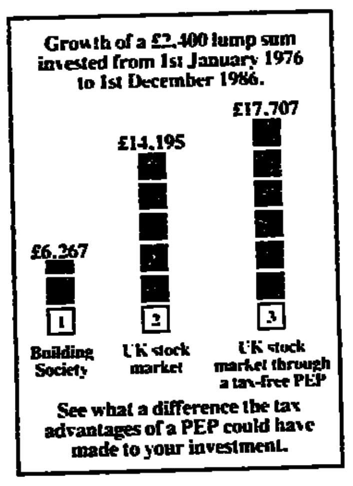

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[illegible]			£10,000	£10,000
[illegible]	£396	[illegible]	10,200	10,000
[illegible]	463	[illegible]	10,760	10,000
[illegible]	828	[illegible]	16,300	10,000
1980	1,660	[illegible]	24,280	10,000
1985	2,278	[illegible]	65,160	10,000
1 Dec 86	2,680	[illegible]	82,060	10,000

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Growth RECOVERY FUND

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COMPARATIVE PERFORMANCE TABLE [illegible]

[illegible]	M&G RECOVERY	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	£10,000	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	11,760	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	26,400	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	102,550	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	270,600	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
1 Dec 86	381,920	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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1960	19,520	29,080	11,293	12,483
1965	31,320	26,230	13,492	16,093
1970	46,480	30,540	17,143	21,636
1975	79,840	59,620	33,107	31,651
1980	195,400	61,600	62,494	49,931
1985	546,000	176,240	85,918	78,580
1 Dec 86	716,480	205,540	88,730	94,535

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FURTHER INFORMATION [illegible]

	Income	Accumulation	Yield
Recovery Fund	394.2p xd	516.4p	3.37%
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	Recovery	Dividend	SECOND
Distributions	20 Feb 20 Aug	15 Jan 15 July	15 Feb 15 Aug
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M&G SECOND	2,750	9,984	23,209
F.T. Industrial Ordinary Index	2,634	7,998	16,552
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THE M&G GROUP

A taxing clash of interests

The Unit Trust Association has highlighted what it sees as *a serious defect in commission* payment proposals, which it says is one of "special public interest".

The association's chief executive *Tony Smith has told* the proposed self-regulating organization which will cover unit trusts under the Financial Services Act that its plan for *commission rates to intermediaries* on insurance bonds versus unit trusts will introduce product bias and conflict with "best advice" principles that intermediaries must respect.

From the public's point of view the chief problem is that, because insurance bonds and unit trusts appear to be such *similar lump sum investment* vehicles, they overlook the fact that the two types are subject to quite different capital gains tax treatment. Unit trusts are *usually better for private* investors unless there are special tax planning reasons for using the insurance bond route.

But the commission insurance companies pay their intermediaries for insurance bond business is much higher than is paid by unit trust companies. On a £10,000 lump sum investment the intermediary's commission can be £700 for an insurance bond, but only £300 for a unit trust. Inevitably, therefore, some intermediaries recommend the bond route, even though a unit trust would put clients in a better tax position.

Although the proposed new rules attempt to bring the commission levels more closely in line, as things stand there will still be a financial advantage to intermediaries who recommend bonds.

The finer points of the argument will be thrashed out *behind closed City of London* doors, but it has important implications for private investors who naturally want advice from insurance brokers and other *intermediaries* that is not influenced by the intermediary's level of commission.

In the consumer's interests, it is an important one for the Unit Trust Association to win.

Peter Gartland

INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Return at tax rates 29%	45%	60%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Deposit A/c:						
Barclays	5.00	3.87	2.82	1	7 day	01-6261567
Lloyds	5.00	3.87	2.82	1	7 day	01-6261500
National Westminster	5.00	3.87	2.82	1	7 day	01-7261000
Midland	5.00	3.87	2.22	1	7 day	01-6069911
TSB	*5.00*	3.87	2.82	1	7 day	01-6006000
National Girobank[1]	5.00	3.87	2.82	1	7 day	01-6005020
Fixed Term Deposits:						
National Westminster	7.63	5.91	4.30	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-7261000
" "	7.63	5.91	4.30	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-7261000
" "	7.38	5.72	4.16	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-7261000
Midland	7.10	5.50	4.00	10,000-24,999	1 mth	01-6069911
"	7.10	5.50	4.00	10,000-24,999	3 mth	01-6069911
"	7.10	5.50	4.00	10,000-24,999	6 mth	01-6069911
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary A/c[2]	*6.00*	*4.65*	*3.38*	1	—	—
MONEY FUNDS						
Barclays High Rate Deposit	7.13	5.52	4.02	1,000	-	01-6261567
" " "	7.63	5.91	4.30	10,000	-	01-6261567
Cater Allen Call	7.56	5.86	4.26	2,500	—	01-5882777
HFC Trust	8.50	6.58	4.79	5,000	-	01-2368391
L & G High Interest Deposit	8.15	6.31	4.59	1,000	1 mth	01-3883211
Lloyds HICA	7.70	5.96	4.34	2,500	-	01-6261500
M&G HICA	7.56	5.86	4.26	2,500	-	01-6264588
Midland HICA	*7.45*	*5.77*	*4.20*	*2,000*	-	0742 52800
" "	7.70	5.96	4.34	10,000	-	0742 52800
Nat West High Int Special Res	7.63	5.91	4.30	2,000	-	01-7261000
" " "	7.75	6.00	4.37	10,000	-	01-7261000
Oppenheimer Money Mngmt A/c	7.66	5.93	4.32	1,000	1 mth	01-2369362
" " "	7.75	6.00	4.37	10,000	1 mth	01-2369362
Royl Bank Of Scotland Prem A/c	7.75	6.00	4.37	2,500	-	031-5570201
Tullet & Riley Call	7.85	6.08	4.42	1,000	—	01-2369362
Tullet & Riley 7-day	7.80	6.04	4.39	2,500	7 day	01-2369362
UDT 7-day	7.57	5.86	4.26	5,000	7 day	01-6264661
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Investment A/c*	8.34	6.45	4.70	5-100,000	1 mth	041-6494555
Income Bond*	8.70	6.74	4.90	2,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*	8.70	6.74	4.90	100-100,000	3 mth	041-6494555
Indexed Income Bond*[3]	5.68	4.40	3.20	5,000-100,000	3 mth	0253 66151
32nd Issue Certificate†	8.75	*8.75*	*8.75*	*25-5,000*	8 day	*0385 64900*
Yearly Plan†	8.84	8.84	8.84	20-200 a mth	14 day	0385 64900
General Extension Rate[4]	8.70	8.70	8.70			
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
General Portfolio	9.10	7.05	5.13	1,000	1 yr	—
General Portfolio	9.10	7.05	5.13	1,000	2 yrs	—
General Portfolio	9.10	7.05	5.13	1,000	3 yrs	—
Gen Portfolio/Premium Life	9.10	7.05	5.13	1,000	4 yrs	—
New Direct Fin/Credit & Comm	9.30	7.20	5.24	1,000	5 yrs	—
LOCAL AUTHORITY TOWN HALL BONDS						
Leicester	7.57	5.86	3.31	500	1 yr	01-6386361
Kirklees	8.38	6.49	4.72	500	2 yrs	01-6366361
Kirklees	8.38	6.49	4.72	500	3 yrs	01-6386361
Kirklees	8.38	6.49	4.72	500	4 yrs	01-6386361
Nottingham	8.20	6.35	4.62	500	5 yrs	01-6386361
Nottingham	8.20	6.35	4.62	500	6 yrs	01-6386361
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Vale of Glamorgan	6.13	4.75	3.45	500	8 yrs	01-6386361
Taff Ely	*6.21*	*4.81*	*3.50*	*1,000*	*9 yrs*	*01-6386351*
Taff Ely	6.21	4.81	3.50	1,000	10 yrs	01-6386361
FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSITS						
Sterling	10.11	-	-	—	7 day	0481 26741
US Dollar	6.16	-	-	—	7 day	0481 25741
Yen	3.70	-	-	—	7 day	0481 26741
D Mark	4.48	-	-	—	7 day	0481 26741
French Franc	7.31	-	-	—	7 day	0481 26741
Swiss Franc	2.87	-	-	—	7 day	0481 26741

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Law Report January 3 1987

Finance company entitled to tax relief

General Motors Acceptance Corporation (UK) Ltd v Inland Revenue Commissioners

Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment December 16]

New motor cars purchased from Vauxhall Motors Ltd by its finance company, for supply to dealers as part of a financing package, *formed part of that* company's trading stock. Further the cars could not be said to be "let on hire" by the finance company with the result that it was entitled to stock relief in respect of them under the provisions of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1976.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment dismissing *an appeal by the Crown from* a decision by Mr Justice Walton in the Chancery Division (*The Times* April 24, 1985; [1985] STC 408) upholding a determination by special commissioners that the finance company, General Motors Acceptance Corporation (UK) Ltd, was entitled to its claim for the relief against corporation tax *for its accounting periods to* December 31, 1978, 1979 and 1980.

The company was a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Motors Corporation, Detroit. Its principal activity was to finance the distribution of new Vauxhall cars to motor dealers for resale.

In 1978 it introduced a scheme to enable dealers to obtain cars from it under a "master wholesale agreement" on a sale or return basis, those cars having been acquired by the company from Vauxhall.

Under that agreement a dealer was supplied with the cars that it required for a maximum six-month period. Thereafter the dealer could keep such car in store or on exhibition in a showroom in return for payment to the company of a non-returnable handling charge. The dealer only purchased a car immediately before he had negotiated its sale to a customer.

The handling charge payable by the dealer was calculated on the invoiced cost to the company of the car at a daily rate of *interest. The company reserved* a discretion to retake possession of a car from a dealer.

The appeal arose out of the Revenue's refusal to allow the *company's claim for relief for* the increase in the volume of its trading stock for the three accounting periods under the provisions of paragraphs 9 and 29(1) and (2) of Schedule 5 to the 1976 Act.

[Stock relief was withdrawn by section 48 of the Finance Act 1984 in relation to accounting periods beginning after March 12, 1984.]

Mr Jonathan Parker, QC and Mr Alan Moses for the Crown; Mr Charles Potter, QC and Mr Kevin Prosser for the company.

LORD JUSTICE KERR said that the case for the company was that on the true construction of the statutory provisions it was entitled to stock relief on the cars bought and sold by it during the relevant periods and it was so entitled notwithstanding the finding of fact by the commissioners that the company did not trade in cars but in financing, or "paper" as it was *put colloquially*.

The crucial provision was the definition of "trading stock" in paragraph 29(1)(a) of Schedule 5 as property of any description being "property such as is sold in the ordinary course of the trade". The company undoubtedly sold every car within the scheme in the ordinary course of its trade. *Prima facie*, therefore the cars fell with the definition of "trading stock".

The issue was whether or not some gloss fell to be applied to that definition either from the textual context or from the clear purpose of the legislation, which had the effect of a requirement that property could only be "trading stock" if it was property in which the trader traded *in the ordinary sense of that* word. If so, the cars would not be within the definition because of the finding that it did not trade in cars.

In the early stages of Mr Parker's lucid argument it seemed that some gloss on those lines was required. But as the argument progressed the conclusion followed that the words in paragraph 29(1)(a) were to be held to mean exactly what they said, because there was nothing in any related provision, nor any other consideration of construction, that qualified or narrowed their ordinary meaning.

Moreover, the reliance that the Crown placed on *dicta* of Lord Templeman in *Reed v Nova Securities Ltd* ([1984] 1 WLR 537), that "trading stock" could only consist of current assets acquired for the purposes of the trade in question with a view to their resale at a profit, did not assist its case.

That submission misinter*preted Lord Templeman's* speech as an authority for present purposes. His references to acquisition with a view to resale at a profit could not be taken literally.

Accordingly, as there was no basis for putting any gloss on the statutory words and as the cars also fell within the terms of paragraph 29(5), they were *prima facie* "trading stock" for the purposes of stock relief.

However, the Crown further argued that the cars fell within the exception from relief for "goods ... let on hire" contained in paragraph 29(2)(c) of the Schedule. Both the commissioners and Mr Justice Walton had correctly rejected that argu*ment but had not done so for the* right reasons.

Mr Potter submitted, correctly, that the legal status of the cars in the hands of the dealers *was that indicated by the title of* the scheme itself, "sale or return". That was a well known commercial concept which had been statutorily recognized since the Sale of Goods Act 1893.

Neither the company nor any of the dealers, nor any businessman would consider for one moment that those cars had *been "let on hire" to the dealers.* Since the cars could not be driven, they would consider that to be almost absurd.

In the circumstances the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Stocker delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Slaughter & May.

Considering fresh evidence in custody appeals

M v M

Before Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln

[Judgment December 17]

The Court of Appeal considered how it should deal with fresh evidence which it had permitted to be adduced in an appeal against an order in respect of the custody, care or control of a child, when allowing an appeal by the father of a girl *aged 12 from an order of* Watford County Court (Judge Goldstone) on October 6, transferring the custody, care and control of a child from her father to her mother.

Mr Andrew Young for the husband; Mr Ian Peddie for the wife; Mr Edward Holman for the child.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the court had acceded to applications by both parents to adduce fresh evidence. Some of that evidence related to matters which had arisen since the *hearing below but some of it was* concerned with events before the hearing, and not all of the latter was strictly within the principles laid down in *Ladd v Marshall* ([1954] 1 WLR 1489).

However, since the welfare of a child was involved the court had admitted all the fresh evidence.

The question then arose as to how an appeal would be resolved when the Court of Appeal had before it fresh affidavit evidence. The court had not seen or heard the deponents and had therefore not had the advantage which the judge below had had in evaluating the evidence.

The decision below had been an exercise of discretion, and the court's power to interfere and exercise its own discretion was *subject to the restrictions imposed by G v G (Minors: Custody Appeal)* ([1985] 1 WLR 647).

It was a matter of real difficulty to apply those restric*tions where the court had evi*dence which the judge below had not had when exercising his discretion. Assistance was to be derived from the speech of Lord Diplock in *Hadmor Productions Ltd v Hamilton* ([1983] AC 191, 220).

The proper approach in this case was first to consider the judge's decision on the basis of *the evidence which had been* before him, ignoring the fresh evidence at that stage.

If, observing *G v G* principles, it was then apparent that the judge had been plainly wrong or had misdirected himself in a relevant respect, the court *should then allow the appeal; in* such cases the fresh evidence would in general then be thought to be of little importance.

If, on the other hand, the *court, applying G v G*, were minded to dismiss the appeal on the basis of the evidence which had been before the judge, it should then consider the fresh evidence, always bearing in *mind the disadvantage* at which the court was placed by reason of its not having seen the witnesses.

In his Lordship's judgment, that approach, which was logically not difficult to follow, avoided the difficulties inherent in any other approach, although that would not necessarily make it easy to arrive at the right answer.

In this case his Lordship was satisfied that, on the evidence which had been before him, the judge had failed to take into account the child's adamant *view that she was not willing to* live with her mother, and that, in the circumstances, his order had been plainly wrong.

The court was therefore entitled to exercise the discretion afresh, and the proper course, for the present at least, would be to commit custody, care and control to the father and to remit the question of access to the county court for consideration after a three-month "cooling off period".

Neither parent, nor the child, should think that they had "won". In truth each had lost. The parents had to accept responsibility for the unhappiness which both their daughters had suffered in the past two years.

If they had any affection or feelings for their children they would stop the battle in which *the children had been used* as pawns and start to build up again the necessary bridges within the family which brick by brick they had recently been tearing down.

Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln agreed.

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Beating the hooligan and supporting the supporter

FOOTBALL

1987

In the third article of our series on football's outlook, as seen by its leaders, Gordon Taylor (above), the secretary of the Professional Footballers' Association, looks forward to better behaviour both on the field and off it

My main hope for 1987, and probably the biggest priority for football, is to beat the hooligan once and for all by rooting him out of grounds and driving him away from the sport.

It is also vital that we provide good, entertaining, quality football in comfort and safety for the supporters.

If we can achieve those two main objectives, we need not worry too much about our game, as long as it is given help by the people who play it, administrate it and watch it.

The latter are so important because although we have sponsorship, television and other interests, spectators bring in gate receipt revenues of £50 million a year. Priority must be given to the supporter: otherwise, the game would be nowhere.

Last year was difficult, with the European ban on English clubs, problems over television coverage, and talk of a 'Super-league,' which threatened the existence of some clubs.

We believe the 92-club Football League structure is worth fighting for, and we shall continue do so in 1987. The League was formed on the basis of the strong supporting the weak, and I hope that policy will prevail. Our decision to fight the proposed Super-league was vindicated by clubs like Derby, Oldham, Middlesbrough, Northampton, Swansea, Plymouth and Gillingham, all of whom are now thriving.

I believe it is the job of those of us in the PFA to make sure professional football continues throughout England and Wales, and we are striving to establish the local club as the focal point for community sport and entertainment.

Our community scheme in the north-west has created 60 jobs, and notable ex-players are taking football into towns, schools, youth clubs and other organizations. We are hoping to extend it later in the year to Yorkshire, the north-east and then the rest of the country.

While people talk about membership cards as being the panacea against hooliganism, I do not see them as being in the long-term interests of the game. What I believe will end hooliganism is if players, supporters and people in towns and cities condemn it so strongly that the hooligan will find himself so much out of step he would not dare show his face or open his mouth. I think our community scheme is tackling the problem that way and we have been greatly pleased by the results so far.

Many people are prepared to point the finger at players and say they spark off trouble. But I say the three most serious incidents — at the Heysel Stadium, where the players were not even on the pitch, and at Birmingham and Luton, where the players' behaviour was impeccable — contradict that view.

That should not give the players a licence to get away with indiscipline; the PFA has played its part by introducing a strict disciplinary code among our own members, and the League has supported us.

In the New Year, though, I shall still be looking to the players to improve their behaviour, to end, in particular, off-the-ball incidents, inflammatory gestures, spitting and feigning injury.

Players have a responsibility as professionals both on and off the pitch, and I would like to see articles by players attacking their fellow-professionals cut out completely.

Another aspect of our game I want to see wiped out is the exodus of our top players into Europe. After the 1978 World Cup we imported big names like Ardiles, Villa and Tarantini and we still have the likes of Olsen, Molby and Claesen. But now we are exporting more than we are bringing in; players like Francis, Brady, Wilkins, Hateley, Cowans, Rideout, Hughes, Lineker and Rush. It is disturbing. You cannot take away the cream of talent and expect to keep the same level of entertainment and attendances.

The whole purpose of the PFA is to give new young recruits from, for example, Stockport, if he is good enough, the chance to play for Liverpool or even abroad, if he wants to. We do not want to restrict players, but we now have the best possible private pension scheme, whereby a player in this country can move club and take his pension rights with him. This alone is tax-effective, and we are also looking at schemes under which our top players could have their football earnings paid into a limited company, which would benefit the tax man, too. Now, for instance, he gets nothing of the earnings of Lineker and Hughes, but he would if they were still here.

I am hoping that, in 1987, our top players will look to the advantages of staying in Britain rather than continuing to move abroad.

I would also like to see a slowing down in our game so our most gifted players like Hoddle, Sheedy and Strachan have the space to entertain instead of playing the game at full pelt. I also think referees can help, and I am hoping in the New Year they manage better on the field rather than resorting to cautions and sendings off.

There needs to be more co-operation with referees. Too many of them seem to adopt a policing policy rather than man-managing players. I would like to think of them as conductors, keeping players in harmony on the field.

Finally, I would like to see Bobby Robson given the time he needs to prepare for internationals. For important international games on a Wednesday, League fixtures involving England players the previous Saturday should be called off, obviously with compensation to the clubs involved. I feel it is necessary because if England do well, there will always be a resurgence of interest in the domestic game and that is good for football as a whole.

Next

Is enthusiasm for the game at school level affected by such factors as the professional players' behaviour and the teachers' industrial action? The answer from Steve Allatt, of the English Schools Football Association

Give skill a chance: Slow the pace of the game to nurture play-makers like Hoddle (above), and Strachan (below)

YACHTING

Conner lines up for 'fantastic' final showdown

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

Dennis Conner's Stars and Stripes versus New Zealand's "Plastic Fantastic": that is the line-up for the finals of the America's Cup challenger trials, starting in 10 days' time.

Both boats knocked out their semi-final rivals with consummate ease yesterday to chalk up 4-0 scorelines in this best-of-seven series despite trailing during some stages of their matches.

Marc Pajot and his crew aboard French Kiss started their race against New Zealand IV in the most promising, aggressive manner, getting the jump on the Chris Dickson-skippered yacht at the start, leaving it stalled head to wind when the gun fired.

Unfortunatly, the French failed to capitalize on their good fortune and the New Zealanders were left free to sail their own course for 15 minutes before tacking across to cover.

When the French finaly went over to rectify the situation, Dickson tacked into a safe leeward position and, displaying faster speed in the steadily increasing breeze, soon squeezed out from under, forcing their lacklustre opponents to tack away.

Ten minutes later, Serge Crasnianski's $11 million (about £770,000) KIS-sponsored campaign was at an end. New Zealand rounded the weather mark 21 seconds ahead and, as the annemometer continued creeping up from 16 to 24 knots, pulled away to chalk up their 28th successive victory by a demoralizing 2 minute 44 second margin.

In the Conner-Blackaller match the light winds which forced the committee to call a one and a half hour postponement were expected to suit the twin-ruddered USA better than Conner's Stars and Stripes, which in previous rounds performed competitively only in strong conditions.

Harassing his Californian rival throughout the pre-start manoeuvres, Blackaller came close to pushing Conner over the line early but the petrol-blue boat representing the San Diego Yacht Club was soon in control, rounding the weather mark 26 seconds ahead.

USA drew three seconds back on the following run, held this on the next beat, then pulled back to be within a boatlength at the end of the two reaching legs. Surprisingly, Conner failed to cover at the start of the third beat and, after allowing Blackaller free rein to sail out towards the favoured right-hand side of the course, the white boat had its nose in front halfway up the beat.

Jubilation aboard Blackaller's boat was short-lived, for Conner soon slipped the leash, then gave the San Franciscan sailor the firmest lesson yet in close-cover tactics on the remaining two legs to win by a 43-second margin.

Significantly, the New Zealand boat covered the 24.5-mile cup course 1 minute 32 seconds faster than Conner and his crew but as John Bertrand, the winning skipper aboard Alan Bond's Australia II four years ago, commented on the upcoming final as the two protagonists were being towed ashore:

"Conner has obviously hit the speed button and is going very well. The Kiwis have only lost once in 38 races and could not do more. It's very difficult to choose between the two and the final is going to be one hell of a contest."

If the challenge trials leading up to the Louis Vuitton Cup have looked clear-cut so far, the series run by the Royal Perth to select a defender remains far from decided. Bond's Australia IV and Kookaburra III are tied at the top of the table after the Bond boat lost sixvaluable points yesterday when her mainsail tore across the head on the final beat after holding a 59-second lead at the final turning mark.

To add to their problems, Kookaburra II, an easy winner yesterday over Steak'n'Kidney, which also had mainsail problems yesterday and is expected to be excused from further racing this weekend, is only seven points behind Australia, placing great significance on their head-to-head match today.

DEFENDER TRIALS SEMI-FINALS

Kookaburra III bt Australia IV, 17sec

Kookaburra II bt Steak'n'Kidney, 2min 00sec

DEFENDER STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pts
Australia IV	25	10	65
Kookaburra III	28	7	65
Kookaburra II	21	14	58
Steak 'n Kidney	4	31	18

● Six points per semi-final win. First series, one point per win; second, two points; third, three points. Three points awarded for byes following the retirement of Australia III not included. First two to finals.

CHALLENGER SEMI-FINALS

Stars and Stripes bt USA, 43sec

New Zealand bt French Kiss, 2min 44sec

CHALLENGER STANDINGS

(Best of seven races)

New Zealand bt French Kiss 4-0

Stars and Stripes bt USA 4-0

● Stars and Stripes and New Zealand qualify for best-of-seven challenger finals on January 13-23.

TODAY'S RACES

DEFENDER TRIALS SEMI-FINALS: Kookaburra III v Steak'n'Kidney; Kookaburra II v Australia IV

Mandlikova on top

Sydney (AP) — Hana Mandlikova, of Czechoslovakia, ranked No 4 in the world, heads the list of players in the $150,000 New South Wales Open tennis championship which begins here on Monday. Other entrants include Pam Shriver (United States), Helena Sukova (Czechoslovakia), Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (West Germany) and Manuela Maleeva (Bulgaria).

Alzamendi award

Montevideo (AFP) — Antonio Alzamendi, the Uruguayan World Cup forward whose goal brought River Plate of Argentina the World Club Championship title last month, has been voted Latin American footballer of the year for 1986.

TENNIS

Shriver is aiming to join elite

From Barry Wood
Brisbane

Pam Shriver feels she is on the verge of claiming a grand slam title following a recent resurgence which has seen her push Martina Navratilova to the edge of defeat. But, even then, she will still demand more from herself.

"I would be very satisfied if I win one of the majors — Wimbledon or the US Open preferably, but I'd settle for the Australian in a flash," the second seeded American said yesterday after reaching the semi-finals of the Jason 2000 women's classic here with a straight sets victory over Eva Pfaff.

Against Miss Pfaff, from West Germany, Miss Shriver led 6-1, 4-1, but then let her opponent back to 4-4 before closing out the match by winning the last two games. "All that needs to happen now is that I get a little tougher mentally so when it's 6-1, 4-1, I shut the door and it's gone, history, and I'm out to practise. I just need a couple more matches."

Even though she is now playing the best tennis of her career, Miss Shriver acknowledges that her best is still not quite good enough to compete with Miss Navratilova, Chris Lloyd, Hana Mandlikova and Steffi Graf.

"It's not far off, but at the same time I know that if I'm going to catch Martina, Chris, Hana or Steffi then I've got to keep raising my game. It's never good enough, that is what is so frustrating."

In the semi-finals Miss Shriver will face Betsy Nagelsen, who defeated the Australian, Elizabeth Smylie. The other match pairs Miss Mandlikova against her fellow Czechoslovak, Helena Sukova.

Anne Hobbs of Britain teamed with Miss Pfaff to reach the doubles semi-finals with an impressive upset victory over Miss Fairbank and Elise Burgin.

RESULTS: H Mandlikova (Cz) bt H Kelesi (Can), 6-3, 6-3; H Sukova (Cz) bt R Fairbank (SA), 7-5, 6-3; P Shriver (US) bt E Pfaff (WG), 6-1, 6-3; B Nagelsen (US) bt L Smylie (Aus), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Sapsford finds route to final tough going

Danny Sapsford, the defending champion was given his toughest test of the tournament before reaching the final of the Prudential British Junior covered courts tennis championships at Queen's Club, London, yesterday.

The Weybridge player was kept on court for more than three hours by Colin Beecher of Kent who took the first set with some inspired play. But the champion hung on grimly to level matters in the second set tie-break. Beecher saved three match points in the tenth game, but the champion made no mistake on his fourth attempt.

Sally Timms, from Essex, battled her way into the girls' singles final with a win over Anne Simpkin, of Leicester.

Results: Boys singles: semi-finals: D Sapsford (Surrey) bt C Beecher (Kent), 3-6, 7-6, 7-5. Girls singles: semi-finals: S Timms (Essex), bt A Simpkin (Leics), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Front runner: Southgate's prolific World Cup forward, Kerly

HOCKEY

Junior call gives Phillips a chance to shine in Spain

By Sydney Friskin

Simon Phillips, the Firebrands goalkeeper, has been released from an England indoor training weekend to join the British junior squad as a goalkeeper in the Los Reyes outdoor tournament at Barcelona this weekend. The British team will play a match against the Spanish juniors today and another on January 6.

As a replacement for Phillips, John Bail, the England indoor team manager has brought in Spicer of St Albans. As another goalkeeper, Rowlands, is still injured, his place in the training period at Swindon today will be taken by Louden, of Slough.

Rupert Welch, who would have been with the England indoor training squad, has been released to play for Southgate in Barcelona but he will rejoin the indoor squad at the next training weekend in February.

Southgate, with Sean Kerly, the England World Cup centre forward, leading their attack, must have a chance of winning the Los Reyes tournament. They are no strangers to this event, having played there with distinction for several years.

Robert Thompson, the London University centre forward, who was dropped from the British junior squad, will have a chance to show what he can do in Barcelona. He joins his colleague, Charles Little, in a scratch eleven hurriedly put together by Robert Watson, the Southgate president, as a replacement for one of the teams who have withdrawn.

Southgate's presence in Barcelona has seriously affected their commitments in the Pizza Express London League. For their home match today against St Albans, they are calling on several players from their second team, and will consequently not field a second side against St Albans, and surrender the points to their opponents.

St Albans themselves will have to call on a number of reserves for the senior match, as they will have lost Hurst, Halliday, Giles, and Wisher, who are with the indoor squad at Swindon. Hurst, who was England's second-choice goalkeeper in the outdoor World Cup, will be his country's first choice in the indoor game, and he will have his chance to assert himself at the Home Countries' indoor championship in Dublin from January 16-18.

After that he will go with the England team to The Hague to play in the HDM tournament the following weekend. These activities form part of England's preparation for the first Indoor World Cup tournament, which will be held in Canberra from March 2-6 1988.

Also with the England indoor squad at Swindon is another World Cup player, Martyn Grimley, who will miss Hounslow's London League match at home against Cheam, who are now struggling at the lower end of the table. Hounslow, who defeated Guildford a week ago with a depleted team, should have sufficient resources to win this match. Slough have no match this week.

In the only premier division match of the London League today, Richmond, lying third in the table behind Guildford and Slough, are at home to Bromley.

England, who declined the invitation to play in the inaugural Indira Gandhi outdoor tournament in Delhi in January, will have at least one representative at this event. Bill Murray, a vice president of the Hockey Association, has been invited to this tournament as a judge.

Switch to indoor skills

By Joyce Whitehead

The scene changes very quickly these days. No sooner has the outdoor Territorial Tournament ended than the emphasis switches indoors.

The North county indoor finals will be played at Richard Dunn Sports Centre, Bradford today and the club's preliminary tournament at Leeds University tomorrow, while the East clubs move indoors today at Kelsey, Kerridge, Cambridge — a centre well suited for the game.

Five of England's indoor squad, Linda Carr, Margaret Souyave and Jackie Crook (all Lancashire) and Tracey Wilce (Suffolk) and Lynn Bollington, if she is fit, from Essex, who have just returned hot foot from the Territorial matches at icy Sherborne, play in these tournaments.

Miss Carr was overall top scorer in the national championships last year shooting six goals in the county tournament and 12 in the clubs and now has this chance to resharpen her skills before the England squad go to Cardiff next weekend.

GOLF

Verplank is the big hit in a small field

Fort Myers (Reuter) — Scott Verplank overcame wind gusts of up to 35 miles an hour to record a six-under-par 66 and take the lead after the first round of the $250,000 (about £175,000) Florida invitational tournament here. Three strokes back with a three-under-par 69 in this 12-player professional field are Bernhard Langer, Davis Love and Hale Irwin.

Verplank scored a birdie at the first hole on the 7,162-yard, par-72 Fiddlesticks Country Club course and then had three birdies on the seventh, eight and ninth holes for a score of 32 on the front nine. Two more birdies on the 13th and 15th holes gave him a 66 and a three-stroke lead.

Joey Sindelar and Ben Crenshaw were tied with a one-under-par 71 and Curtis Strange and Calvin Peete each had a one-over-par 73. Andy Bean, Mark O'Meara and Corey Pavin scored two-over-par 74s and Jim Thorpe was last after struggling to a 78.

FIRST ROUND (US unless stated): 66: S Verplank. 69: D Love; B Langer (WG); H Irwin. 71: J Sindelar, B Crenshaw. 73: C Peete; C Strange. 74: M O'Meara; C Pavin; A Bean. 78: J Thorpe.

BOXING

Challenger confident

Rome (AP) — Rodolfo Gonzales, the 27-year-old Mexican challenger, said on arriving here yesterday that he is confident of defeating Patrizio Oliva, the reigning World Boxing Association junior welterwerweight champion, in the Sicilian port of Agrigento on January 10.

Gonzales, who has been training for the match since September, said: "Oliva is a real champion, with a lot of boxing technique, but he has never faced real, hard-hitting fighters. I am fit, alert and confident, andonly need some light exercise. He is going to hand over his title to me."

Oliva is a former Olympic and European champion. He had been originally scheduled to fight Britain's Terry Marsh before the WBA named Gonzales as the No.1 challenger.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Strong man bows to fatigue

By Keith Macklin

When Warrington supporters saw Les Boyd, their Australian strong man forward, removed from the firing line at half-time against Wigan on New Year's Day they feared the worst. Boyd had stayed on the ground after a collision with Wigan's Steve Hampson and it seemed that Boyd was hurt at a vital time of the season for Warrington.

It was learnt yesterday, however, that Boyd's problem is no more than extreme exhaustion after his gruelling and at times superhuman efforts during recent matches which have taken Warrington to the final of the John Player Special Trophy and a challenging position in the first division.

Exhaustion or not, Boyd is available for tomorrow's home game with Leeds and it remains to be seen whether the coach, Tony Barrow, turns him loose again or gives him a rest in view of next week's final.

Warrington have got Steve Peters and Tony Humphries available to come into the squad and the winger, Kevin Meadows, is fit again after an ankle injury. Warrington are level with Wigan and only two points behind the leaders. St Helens, in the championship table and will pull no punches against Leeds, who received a shock defeat at home to Oldham on New Year's Day.

St Helens players got a verbal blasting from Alex Murphy, their manager, following the defeat against a Widnes side without 10 first-team players. The Saints have not lost two games in a row after being undefeated in the League since January and Murphy believes his players have become too complacent and need firing up again.

Tomorrow they visit Halifax, the champions, who are also suffering from loss of form, and with both these sides needing victory there should be an exciting and attractive clash.

Wigan have no grounds for complacency following their 6-4 beating by Warrington in that titanic struggle between the forwards at Central Park. They visit Widnes, and having heard what the home side can do against St Helens with only half a side, they may expect further problems.

Castleford, the fourth team in the table, visit Leigh, whose change of coach did not bring a change of luck in the holiday matches. Billy Benyon, the new coach, saw his side beaten 20-12 at Salford and with several players injured he has team selection problems against a Castleford side who are returning to their best form.

Hull Kingston Rovers have tightened their defence to such an extent that they have kept clean sheets in their last two home games against Widnes and Halifax and with injured personnel returning, including the inspiring Australian, Gavin Miller, they show signs of returning to normal form, ensuring a quick rise up the table. Tomorrow they visit Featherstone to face a Rovers team who are having the usual struggle against relegation.

In the second division there are two top promotion battles between Blackpool Borough and Whitehaven and Rochdale Hornets and Doncaster.

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Barrow v Bradford (2.30); Featherstone v Hull KR (3.30); Halifax v St Helens, Hull v Oldham; Leigh v Castleford (3.30); Wakefield v Salford (3.30); Warrington v Leeds; Widnes v Wigan. Second division: Blackpool v Whitehaven (2.30); Bramley v Runcorn (3.30); Carlisle v Sheffield (at Penrith); Dewsbury v York (2.30), Fulham v Huddersfield (2.15); Mansfield v Batley (3.30); Rochdale v Doncaster; Workington v Keighley (2.30).

SKIING

Schneider challenge to Walliser

Maribor, Yugoslavia, (Reuter) — With eight wins in 11 races, the Swiss women can hardly wait for the fortnight Christmas break to finish.

The Swiss squad hold the top four places in the overall standings with Maria Walliser leading with 110 points, while Vreni Schneider (107), Erika Hess (96) and Brigitte Oertli (86) are breathing down her neck.

The World Cup resumes here tomorrow with snow cannons preparing a course for the slalom, although bad weather has forced the giant slalom and Super-G to be switched to Saalbach, Austria, on Monday and Tuesday.

Schneider, last year's giant slalom World Cup champion and slalom winner at Courmayeur in December, could edge above Walliser in the overall standings if she claims another victory. But Walliser is doing surprisingly well for a skier more at home in downhill and Super-G, having won the giant slalom at Val Zoldana.

The leaders cannot, however, discount Hess, possibly in her final season on the circuit and seeking a hat-trick of overall World Cup wins after sharing the slalom title with Roswitha Steiner, of Austria, last year. Hess confidently won the last slalom at Val Zoldana ahead of Oertli and Claudia Strobl, of Austria, although she was only seventh in the giant slalom.

The Austrians will be under pressure, especially in Saalbach, to begin challenging the Swiss, with their hopes pinned on Steiner, Strobl and Ida Ladstätter. They still await their first victory in any category, men's or women's, this season — the first World Cup where they have failed to win a single race before the New Year. Ladstätter almost broke that miserable run when she was fastest in the first leg of the Val Zoldana slalom, but missed a gate in the second leg.

Mateja Svet and Katra Zajc, the Yugoslav women, are also happy to be returning to the slopes on home ground after walking out from their team in a row with Janez Zibler, the coach, at Courmayeur last month. The Yugoslavs forced Zibler to resign after they demanded that either he should be fired or they would quit skiing. Svet was overall third in the giant slalom last season and won her first World Cup points here in 1984.

The Maribor slopes have turned icy and fast from the recent warm weather, but heavy overnight rain forced the organizers to abandon the giant slalom course and switch to Saalbach.

MOTOR RALLYING

Ickx could still have difficulties

Barcelona (Agencies) — Jacky Ickx, the former Paris to Dakar rally winner, has described his arrival here at the end of the first leg of the 12,000-kilometre event as a miracle.

The Belgian's 42nd birthday on Thursday was marred by serious oil pump problems on his works Lada Poch hardly 200km out on the 1,200 kilometre-long opening haul from Versailles to Barcelona.

He, and the other 497 entrants, were welcomed by a million people gathered to watch the cars, lorriess and motorcycles board the ferries for Algiers.

Ickx, who arrived in the early hours of yesterday morning after an 18-hour marathon, was forced to stop in a small village in central France and at one point feared he and his team colleague, Christian Tarin, might have to pull out altogether.

But they managed to resolve the problem and arrived inside the 21-and-a-half-hour deadline.

Ickx said: "The oil pump has been repaired and everything is in order. The pump had seized and normally the engine protests immediately but it wasn't the case this time. It's a miracle to have got here."

But with the ferry's hold forbidden territory during the crossing, Ickx is unlikely to allay a final worry that the engine on his Lada has been damaged until arrival in Ghardaia tomorrow after a further 620km driving.

Gilles Lalay, of France, riding a Honda, was the first of the participants to arrive in Barcelona early on Friday morning. The next to arrive was Hubert Auriol, of France, and Gaston Rahier, of Belgium, both on BMWs, followed by Teo de Rooy, of The Netherlands, driving his huge DAF lorry. All the teams of 73 lorries, 143 motorcycles and 282 cars arrived in Barcelona within the cut-off time set by the organizers to cover the stage from Versailles.

Finland's Ari Vatanen, an international rallyist, was penalized by two minutes because he had a flat tire and received help repairing it from spectators.

Motorbike No. 12, a Suzuki driven by Pescheur, had to drop out at Brives during the evening after Pescheur broke a leg.

This year's race will end on the Atlantic beach of Dakar on January 22. The course runs through the deserts of Algeria, Nigeria, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal.

RACING

First Bout can make smooth transition to steeplechasing ranks

By Mandarin

Fulke Walwyn's Ten Plus passed his chasing examination with honours at Newbury yesterday and now I expect another exciting young graduate, First Bout, to follow suit in the Wantage Novices' Chase at the Berkshire course today.

Trained by Nick Henderson at Lambourn, the six-year-old has been the subject of some glowing reports from the schooling gallops where, apparently, he has made the transition to the bigger obstacles in impressive style.

First Bout was a high-class performer over hurdles and in the 1984-85 season landed a massive gamble when gamely holding off Against The Grain and Nohalmdun in the Triumph Hurdle at the Cheltenham festival meeting.

Last season, for the second consecutive campaign, First Bout won first time out, beating a competitive field in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle. He later finished a creditable seventh, beaten a shade over 10 lengths, behind his stable companion, See You Then, in the Champion Hurdle.

A worthy rival today is Mercy Rimell's Gala's Image, who after two mishaps early in his fencing career, showed that his confidence had not been impaired when chasing home another talented member of the Henderson academy, the ex-Irish Stirabout, at Kempton's Christmas meeting. However, **First Bout** is napped to start his new career on a high note.

The Taunton trainer, Les Kennard, looks capable of capturing two of the most competitive events, the Bradstone Mandarin Chase with *Mr Moonraker* and the L'Oreal Handicap Hurdle with **Saffron Lord**.

Mr Moonraker, although the ground was too fast for his liking, ran an excellent second to Oregon Trail in the Glen International Gold Cup at Cheltenham last month when one of today's rivals, Simon Legree, was 15 lengths away third.

Josh Gifford's stayer reopposes on 5lb better terms and looked distinctly unlucky in the Cheltenham race, having been put out of contention by a bad blunder three from home.

However, with the Newbury going guaranteed to be on the soft side today, Mr Moonraker should be in his element and this consistent 10-year-old, who gave Very Promising such a fright in last season's Embassy Premier Chase final at Ascot, can gain a deserved success.

Uttoxeter called off

Today's meeting at Uttoxeter has been abandoned and Sedgefield is also in doubt.

The stewards at the Staffordshire course brought forward yesterday's inspection from 2pm to noon and found parts of the course waterlogged. Six meetings have now been lost this season.

After recent heavy rain in the north of England, the course at Sedgefield is also waterlogged in places and an 8am inspection is planned.

Saffron Lord has won three of his first four starts this term, all on decent ground. But this improving five-year-old showed last season, with two victories on the soft, that he can handle any type of going and he looks the one to peg back the front-running Juven Light, who might well have won at Kempton recently, but for falling at the eighth flight when in a commanding lead.

An interesting candidate for the Philip Cornes Novices' Hurdle qualifier is the northern raider **City Entertainer**, who won a lot of admirers when spreadeagling a large field of novices at Haydock Park in November.

Charlotte Postlethwaite's highly-regarded six-year-old, who will again be partnered by Mark Dwyer, takes a big step up in class this time. His promising rivals include Charter Hardware, Unicol and Colonial Charm but he should be up to the task.

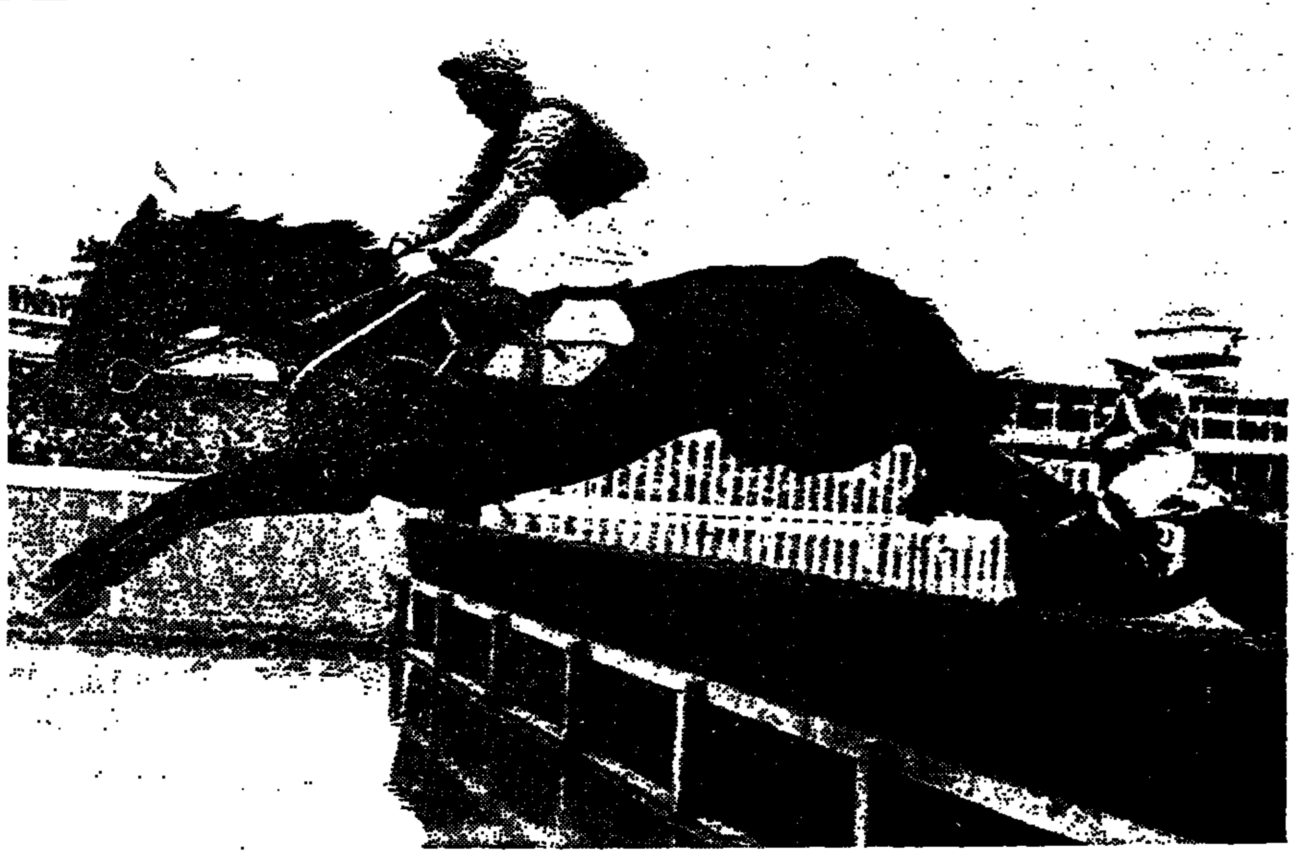
Another nice young horse on parade is **Musical Mystery**, who attempts 2½ miles for the first time in the Ramsbury Hurdle. Gifford's five-year-old showed plenty of pluck to regain the initiative from Fourth Tudor at Fontwell early last month and confirmed his potential a fortnight later with a runaway success at Folkestone.

The Fred Winter-trained Harry's Bar has run creditably against two smart young performers, Intuition and The Jolly Beggar, in his latest two starts, but Musical Mystery is fancied to complete a treble.

At Ayr, all eyes will be on that wonderful veteran **Peaty Sandy**, who attempts to land his fourth course and distance victory in the three-mile Kilmarnock Handicap Chase.

Helen Hamilton's 13-year-old showed on the Scottish course last month that he has retained his appetite for racing when making Hardy Lad struggle all the way and, despite having to concede more than two stone to his three rivals today, can triumph again.

Another likely scorer is Colin Tinkler's **Mister Point**.


Ten Plus sails over the water jump on his way to an impressive chasing debut at Newbury yesterday (Photo: Ian Stewart)

Watching brief on impressive Ten Plus

By Michael Seely

Ten Plus, Fulke Walwyn's decisive winner of last season's Sun Alliance Hurdle, stamped himself beyond all shadow of a doubt as an outstanding future prospect for the Cheltenham Gold Cup with an excellent display of jumping on his first appearance over fences in the Elcot Park Novices' Chase at Newbury yesterday.

However, the question about whether yesterday's impressive winner will be attempting to give the 76-year-old master trainer his fifth triumph in the Blue Riband of chasing this coming March remained unanswered, although the bookmakers were only prepared to offer 14-1 against his chances.

"He did it very well and jumped super," said Walwyn. "Of course, he is a class horse, but even so I was surprised at how easily he won. But even without weather stoppages, I could only get two or three races into him before Cheltenham. I know the older horses are getting on a bit, but we'll just have to wait and see how things go."

The Sun Alliance Chase would of course be the other natural target for Basil Thwaites's seven-year-old at the National Hunt Festival.

When reminded that he had previously won the Gold Cup with another novice, Mont Tremblant in 1952, the voice of experience spoke as the trainer commented: "That was different. Mont Tremblant was a brilliant horse. He broke down after winning the Gold Cup, but still came back to finish second in the National, carrying 12st 5lb."

Walwyn is right to keep his cards close to his chest and hold a watching brief for the time being. Ten Plus jumped superbly and stood right back when asked by Kevin Mooney at the ninth fence, but there is a world of difference between beating comparatively moderate opponents in a horse's own time and matching strides with seasoned veterans in the championship.

Talking about the Gold Cup, Jenny Pitman commented, after watching her son, Mark, make every yard of the running on Gainsay to beat The Catchpool in the Weyhill Handicap Chase, "I've no idea whether Ten Plus will run in the big race or not, but if I can get Burrough Hill Lad there in one piece, he won't beat him."

The trainer then said that the 1984 Gold Cup winner was working with tremendous zest at Lambourn, but that no entries had yet been made for his comeback.

Gainsay is owned by Errol Brown, who first achieved fame as the leader of the Hot Chocolate pop group. "The horse got frightened when crowded in his last two races at Worcester and Warwick," said the trainer. "So I told Mark to try and make it all today. Now that he's got his confidence back, Gainsay could well win again."

The Challow Hurdle, the day's feature race, resulted in a decisive win for Bonanza Boy over Special Vintage. Cindie Girl finished five lengths away third, but Robin Goodfellow, the 11-4 favourite, never threatened any danger to the leaders.

Bonanza Boy has certainly done his joint owners, Jackie Debenham and Steve Dunstan, proud since being bought for only 4,500 guineas last summer. The six-year-old has now won four races and been second on his only five appearances this season for Peter Hobbs.

Philip Hobbs, the trainer's brother, rode yesterday's winner from whose back, Bertie Hill hunted the Dulverton West Foxhounds when the horse was a four-year-old. The plan is now to aim Bonanza Boy at the Philip Cornes Final on this course on March 7, and then go for the Sun Alliance Hurdle.

Jimmy Fitzgerald's luck in the South this season has not exactly been parallel with his fortune in the North. Special Vintage's defeat following hard on the heels of the trainer's disappointments with Forgive'N Forget and two other fancied runners at Kempton's Boxing Day meeting. "I thought Mark Dwyer hit the front plenty soon enough," he said afterwards. "But we would still have gone close but for that mistake at the second-last."

The supporting New Year Handicap saw a thrilling finish before Stan Moore drove Annette's Delight past the post a head in front of French Union. Paddyboro finished five lengths away third after the trio had been in the air together at the final jump.

Terry Casey, the winning trainer and the former jockey, had his first success in his new role when Glenrue won the Whitbread Trophy at Aintree last April. "Two miles has always been Annette Delight's best trip," he said. "But I don't know where I'm going to run him next."

Reg Akehurst, fresh from his victory with Intuition at Cheltenham on Wednesday, continued his successful run when Dale McKeown lost his right to claim the 7lb-allowance when bringing Caesar Imperator with a late flourish to beat Prairie Oyster and Ricmar in the Wickham Novices' Hurdle.

And finally, Stan Mellor and Guy Landau followed up their joint victory with Lean Ar Aghaidh at jumping headquarters on Thursday, when Ellferandem romped home to an easy win in the concluding Abingdon Conditional Jockeys' Handicap.

Full Flow can show his seniors way home

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

Heartened by the runaway New Year's Day victory of Latoya, trainer Mick O'Toole has elected to take on older horses with his Triumph Hurdle prospect, Full Flow, in the grade two Slaney Hurdle at Naas this afternoon.

On Boxing Day, Full Flow, wearing blinkers for the first time, landed a coup in the Duffy Meats Juvenile Hurdle when Latoya, after meeting with some interference, was relegated to third place, seven lengths adrift.

The stewards accepted the explanation of O'Toole that the blinkers made the difference to his form, although it has to be said that in his Flat-race days he also showed his best form when blinkered.

Top weight in the Slaney Hurdle will be shared by All The Fools and Flying Trove, six-year-olds set to give 8lb to the juvenile.

All The Fools may have been flattered by his victory over Kissane last time out as the runner-up made a lot of improvement in subsequent starts. Likewise, Flying Trove, a former winner on the Flat of the Ulster St Leger, has had mixed performances over hurdles

If Full Flow can reproduce his *Leopardstown running*, he will be hard to beat here.

Aintree for Dark Ivy

Gordon Richards, who has saddled two Grand National winners in Lucius and Hallo Dandy, nominated Dark Ivy as his probable runner for the big race in April after the 11-year-old had made all the running in the McAlpine Challenge Cup Handicap Chase at Ayr yesterday.

A delighted Richards said: "I expect Dark Ivy will go to Aintree but I will also enter Centre Attraction and Preben Fur." Jennie Pat completed a double for Richards and Phil Tuck when she swept back to winning form in the Barleigh Novices' Chase, beating the favourite, Polar Nomad, by four lengths.

Randolph Place was 9-4 on to make it a treble for the Greystoke team in the Coylton Novices' Hurdle but was beaten four lengths by the Roger Fisher-trained Hassle Money.

Francis Lee saddled his first double when Tap'Em Twice and String Player, both ridden by Steve Holland, gained clear-cut successes

● Last season's Hennessy Gold Cup winner Galway Blaze, now with Nick Henderson, has been backed down from 25-1 to 16-1 with Ladbrokes for the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

NEWBURY

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 FIRST BOUT (nap).
1.00 City Entertainer.
1.30 Mr Moonraker.
2.00 Saffron Lord.
2.30 Pukka Major.
3.00 Musical Mystery.

By Michael Seely
1.30 MR MOONRAKER (nap). 2.00 Juven Light.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 YEOMAN BROKER

Going: soft

12.30 WANTAGE NOVICE CHASE (£1,954: 2m 160yd) (9 runners)

105	33P-102	TOM CAXTON (M O'Connor) J King 6-11-5	S McNeill	85	6-1
106	000/031-	AISLING GEAL (E Kirtland) D Gandolfo 7-11-0	P Barton	—	16-1
107	200P/0F	AZIANO (H Mould) D Nicholson 7-11-0	R Dunwoody	—	10-1
108	211112/	CHURCHES GREEN (S Tindall) S Mellor 8-11-0	M Harrington	—	12-1
109	U40-P0	DEWSPRY BOY (Dr P Brown) F Winter 7-11-0	P Scudamore	—	7-1
110	11/1030-	FIRST BOUT (Wharton Shober) N Henderson 6-11-0	S Smith Eccles	—	F4-5
111	P2-FF42	GALA'S IMAGE (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-0	S Morshead	● 99	9-2
112	13310/0	LUCKY RASCAL (J Ingram) J Gifford 8-11-0	R Rowe	—	10-1
113	0000-0P	SOUTHERN HERMIT (Miss N Carroll) R Armytage 7-11-0	B Powell	—	50-1

1986: Meeting abandoned – frost

FORM TOM CAXTON (11-5) 2nd, caught near the line when ¾l to Trouvere (11-0) at Hereford (2m, £1578, heavy, Dec 18, 11 ran). *On final outing of last season* AISLING GEAL (10-7) beat *Infinity* Rules (11-7) a neck in a novice handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m,£1053, good, Jan 18, 25 ran). CHURCHES GREEN won four of his six races during the 1983/4 season; last saw the racecourse when (10-0) 5l 2nd to Great Light (12-0) at Lingfield (2m h'cap h, £2494, soft, Mar'84, 6 ran). DEWSPRY BOY (11-0) beaten from 4 out when 40l 5th to Tawridge (11-0) at Lingfield (2m, £6068, soft, Dec 6, 12 ran) with LUCKY RASCAL (11-0) 20¾l further away in 7th. Former Triumph Hurdle winner FIRST BOUT (12-0) ended last season with a 13½l 7th to See You Then (12-0) in The Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m,£41435, good to soft, Mar 11, 23 ran). GALA'S IMAGE (11-0) put up best effort to date over fences when 3l 2nd to Stirabout (11-0), with AZIANO (11-0) a 9th fence faller at Kempton (2m, £3106, soft, Dec 27, 10 ran).
Selection: GALA'S IMAGE

1.0 PHILIP CORNES NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £4,002: 3m 120yd) (21 runners) BBC 1

201	0-30130	ANOTHER NORFOLK (BF) (N Smith) B McMahon 6-11-8	Mr E McMahon	79	20-1
202	0210	BUTTON YOUR LIP (A Armitage) D Nicholson 5-11-8	R Dunwoody	82	16-1
203	00-1	CITY ENTERTAINER (A Haddock) Mrs C Postlethwaite 6-11-8	M Dwyer	93	7-1
204	00-0210	COMPTON PARK (Lord Vestey) J King 5-11-8	S McNeill	87	16-1
207	202-102	YEOMAN BROKER (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 6-11-8	R Rowe	● 98	5-1
209	0410	LOCKNER LAD (D Heath) R Parker 7-11-4	H Davies	84	16-1
210	32FP0/1	COLONIAL CHARM (M Clohessy) O Sherwood 7-11-3	C Cox	90	F9-2
212	0F0/F4F	BEECH COPSE (D Milburn) A Turnell 8-11-0	C Brown	—	33-1
214	FFF/	BROKEN RAIL (T Egerton) N Gaselee 8-11-0	P Scudamore	—	25-1
216	24	CHARTER HARDWARE (BF) (Charter Racing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	M Pitman	82	9-1
218	0P-P00	FLYING REPORT (Mrs S Dimond) J Old 7-11-0	C Llewellyn (7)	—	33-1
221	4	KING OF DIAMONDS (M Gloyn) G Balding 6-11-0	G Bradley	82	11-1
222	000	KINGSBROOK (J Leavett-Shenley) W Wightman 5-11-0	R Strange	74	33-1
223	04	KYLEMAKILL (J Heaton) Mrs S Oliver 6-11-0	J Duggan	—	20-1
224	0P00-P0	LITTLE DICKENS (E Beever) E Beever 5-11-0	—	—	25-1
226	U-0	NATYAPOUR (S M Demolition Ltd) W Kemp 6-11-0	S Shilston	—	33-1
228	412-	TEAM CHALLENGE (T Ramsden) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	B de Haan	—	11-1
230	3332-02	UNICOL (BF) (Unicol Group Holdings Ltd) S Mellor 5-11-0	M Harrington	91	6-1
231	03	WARNER'S END (Lady Lyell) J Webber 6-11-0	G Memagh	78	14-1
232	F-00103	DAME FLORA (B) (M Kimmins) F Walwyn 5-10-13	K Mooney	78	14-1
234	004	PORCHESTER RUN (N Uglow) J Webber 5-10-9	R Beggan	74	25-1

FORM COMPTON PARK (11-8) had LOCKNER LAD (11-4) 16l *away* in 7th when 17¾l 5th to Cindie Girl (11-3) at Chepstow last time (2m 4f,£3700, soft, Dec 20, 18 ran) with BUTTON YOUR LIP (11-8) and FLYING REPORT (10-7) well behind. Previously, COMPTON PARK (11-0) beat Pithy (11-0) 6l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £2156, good, Dec 5, 17 ran) with ANOTHER NORFOLK (11-4) another 2l back in 3rd. CITY ENTERTAINER (11-0) ran out an impressive 8l winner from Tonights The Night (11-0) at Haydock (2m 4f, £1215, good to soft, Nov 19, 15 ran) and has more improvement to come. YEOMAN BROKER (11-4) finished 4l 2nd to Sunbeam Talbot (10-7) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £2131, good, Dec 5, 10 ran). COLONIAL CHARM (10-6) returned from a lay off when a neck winner from Brookmount (10-11) at Towcester (2m, £825, soft, Dec 22, 17 ran). CHARTER HARDWARE (10-7) was well supported in the market when 16l 4th to Big Togger (10-10) at Doncaster (3m 122y, £857, good, Dec 12, 19 ran). *TEAM CHALLENGE (10-7) was a neck 2nd to Metal Wood (11-8) in a* Punchestown Hunter Chase last time (4m 2f, £2370, yielding, Apr 24, 13 ran). UNICOL (10-5) could make no impression when 6l 2nd to Developer's Run (11-4) at Towcester (2m 5f 26y, £685, good to soft, Dec 13, 16 ran).
Selection: YEOMAN BROKER

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
F Winter	49	200	24.5	P Scudamore	41	200	20.5
D Nicholson	33	164	20.1	H Davies	28	150	18.7
O Sherwood	5	26	19.2	G Bradley	5	28	17.9
Mrs J Pitman	5	29	17.2	M Perrett	8	48	16.7
N Henderson	16	110	14.5	S Smith Eccles	20	134	14.9
Mrs M Rimell	8	67	11.9	P Barton	7	51	13.7

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 ______ B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. *S-slipped up. R-refused*). Horse's name (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider *plus* any allowance. *The Times* Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.

1.30 BRADSTONE MANDARIN HANDICAP CHASE (£5,896: 3m 2f 82yd) (6 runners) BBC 1

302	1011-4P	CHARTER PARTY (C,BF) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 9-11-9	R Dunwoody	98	7-2
303	F3F1-22	MR MOONRAKER (C) (Mrs P Blackburn) L Kennard 10-11-6	B Powell	96	F3-1
304	1P-3033	MAORI VENTURE (CD) (H Joel) A Turnell 11-11-3	Steve Knight	98	4-1
305	310-313	SIMON LEGREE (C) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 10-11-3	R Rowe	● 99	9-2
307	14-121P	I HAVENTALIGHT (B,C) (Torsiflex Ltd) F Winter 8-11-1	P Scudamore	96	5-1
308	3080/121FF-F	DRIVE ON JIMMY (R E A Bott Ltd) O Sherwood 9-10-5	C Cox	87	8-1

FORM MR MOONRAKER (11-0) had SIMON LEGREE (11-2), who blundered badly 3 out, 15l behind in 3rd when 1½l 2nd to Oregon Trail (10-7) at Cheltenham (2m 4f, £12315, good, Dec 6, 6 ran). MAORI VENTURE (11-7) *not at best* when 20l 3rd to Bolands Cross (11-1) at Lingfield (3m, soft): on previous outing (10-13) was staying on when 3l 3rd to Broadheath (10-5), with CHARTER PARTY (11-7) pulled up over this course and distance (£17448, good to soft, Nov 22, 15 ran). I HAVENTALIGHT (11-11) pulled up at Chepstow (3m 6f) last time; earlier (10-7) 4l 2nd to Broadheath (10-7), with SIMON LEGREE (10-11) 7l back in 3rd and CHARTER PARTY (11-4) 5l further back in 4th at Wincanton (3m 1f, £3694, good to soft, Nov 13, 7 ran). On final outing of last season CHARTER PARTY (11-9) easy 20l winner from Plundering (11-0) at Cheltenham (3m 2f, £8544, heavy, Apr 16, 9 ran). SIMON LEGREE (11-7) on penultimate start beat Sign Again (10-2) a hard fought ½l at Sandown (2m 4f, £3564, good to soft, Nov 28, 5 ran). Ex-Irish DRIVE ON JIMMY (11-4) was still in contention when falling at the 11th in event won by Welsh Oak (10-6) at Kempton (2m 4f, £4823, soft, Dec 27, 11 ran).
Selection: CHARTER PARTY

2.0 L'OREAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,947: 2m 100yd) (10 runners) BBC 1

401	1/U121P-	SOUTHERNAIR (Southern Air) P Haynes 7-11-10	A Webb	● 99	5-1
403	0/00F4-3	FLAREY SARK (CD) (S Marsh) R Fisher 10-11-5	J D Doyle (4)	92	7-2
405	21-1411	SAFFRON LORD (CD) (A Hunt) L Kennard 5-10-11	B Powell	95	F5-2
406	100-10F	*JUVEN LIGHT (C,BF) (R Dilley) R Akehurst 5-10-9*	S Smith Eccles	97	8-1
407	040122/	DODGY FUTURE (The Stype Wood Stud) N Henderson 7-10-5	M Bowlby (4)	—	10-1
409	112-001	MASTER VINCE (S Squires) M Tompkins 9-10-5	P Scudamore	97	7-1
410	011P0-P	THAT'S YOUR LOT (BF) (M Dorey) J Francome 5-10-0	M Dwyer	92	14-1
411	0F41-P0	CASSIO LIL (Mrs E Carberry) T Casey 8-10-0	R Dunwoody	92	12-1
412	10P-102	BELFALAS LAD (CD) (Mrs R Morris) J Jenkins 6-10-0	M Perrett	84	20-1
413	42-04FP	TAFFY JONES (P Hayes) M McCormack 8-10-0	P Barton	—	25-1

FORM SOUTHERNAIR (11-4) was seen to best advantage when a 2½l winner from Ra Nova (11-7) at Windsor (2m 30y, £7349, good to soft, Jan 1, 5 ran) last season. FLAREY SARK (11-2) finished 18l 3rd to Rule of the Sea (11-2) at Ayr on seasonal debut. Won this race in 1984/5 (10-8) beating Prideaux Boy (11-0) a short head. SAFFRON LORD (11-6) continued on the upgrade when a 5l winner from Tartan Tailor (11-0) at Cheltenham (2m, £3002, good to firm, Nov 7, 5 ran). JUVEN LIGHT comes from a stable in form, latest fell 4 out when going well in the lead, earlier was far from disgraced when (9-7) just over 10l 5th to Aonoch (11-7) in the Mecca hurdle at Sandown (2m, £12015, good to soft, Nov 29, 17 ran) with MASTER VINCE (9-7) a never nearer 8th. Last time MASTER VINCE (12-1) ran out an easy 4l winner from Deadly Going (11-9) at Fakenham (2m 80y, £1730, good to soft, Dec 19, 12 ran). THATS YOUR LOT (11-3) has been disappointing since an *excellent 5l win over Ana Wassiawi (11-0) at Lingfield (2m, £6793, good to soft, Dec 7, 22 ran). Well handi*capped on that run.
Selection: THATS YOUR LOT

2.30 HUNGERFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£3,074: 2m 4f) (7 runners) BBC 1

503	00-2111	FRENCH CAPTAIN (D) (Duchess Norfolk) Lady Herries 11-11-8 (7ex)	M Kinane	96	F9-4
504	1210-04	PUKKA MAJOR (Mrs S Jones) O Sherwood 6-11-7	Mr T Thomson Jones	94	3-1
505	02212B-	HOLEMOOR PATROL (Mrs P Blackburn) L Kennard 7-11-3	B Powell	89	9-2
506	30U330	OYSTER POND (C) (K Martin Clarke) M McCourt 10-11-1	R Dunwoody	● 99	8-1
508	3014-40	POMMARDY (Mrs J Chadwick) Mrs J Chadwick 8-10-7	M Bosley (4)	95	10-1
509	3F34-P1	NETHERBRIDGE (D) (M Vigors) D Gandolfo 9-10-6	P Barton	87	6-1
511	224300	THE DIPLOMAT (T Fry) W Kemp 9-10-0	S Shilston	88	20-1

FORM FRENCH CAPTAIN (11-2) completed the hat-trick when beating Latin American (10-9) 12l at Fontwell (2m 4f, good to soft); previously (10-13) beat Claude Monet (11-1) ¾l, with POMMARDY (10-8) 11½l back in 5th and OYSTER POND (11-9) 8th at Chepstow (2m 4f, £2264, soft, Dec 20, 16 ran). PUKKA MAJOR (11-6) looked to be *returning to somewhere near best when 11½l 4th to Akram (11-9) at Wincanton* (2m, £1980, good to soft, Nov 27, 7 ran). HOLEMOOR PATROL (11-4) last successful when beating Miss Tullulah (10-13) 15l at Taunton (2m 3m, £2491, good to firm, May 2, 13 ran). OYSTER POND (11-0) best judged on an 11l 3rd to Brass Change (11-2) at Towcester (2m 5f, £2120, good, Nov 29, 8 ran). NETHERBRIDGE (10-13) beat St Alezan (11-7) 10l at Stratford (2m 6f, £2037 good to firm, Sept 27, 7 ran).
Selection: OYSTER POND

3.0 RAMSBURY HURDLE (5-Y-O: £3,132: 2m 4f 120yd) (7 runners)

602	U141-04	STERNE (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 11-3	M Harrington	● 99	4-1
604	P-00020	CAPISTRANO PRINCE (F Gray) F Gray 10-12	E Murphy	84	16-1
605	322	HARRY'S BAR (BF) (Miss W Harris) F Winter 10-12	P Scudamore	80	9-1
607	0332-01	LINFAST (B) (E Lodge) J Perrett 10-12	Steve Knight	85	9-2
609	42-011	MUSICAL MYSTERY (D Dunsdon) J Gifford 10-12	R Rowe	98	F5-2
610	P-21223	NONE TOO DEAR (BF) (S Adams) G Balding 10-12	G Bradley	87	3-1
612	200002	SMITHY BEAR (Mrs J John) R Dickin 10-12	W Humphreys (7)	73	20-1

FORM STERNE, most disappointing this season, ran best race when (11-0) beating Yale (11-7) 20l at *Cheltenham last season* (2m, £2212, heavy, Apr 17, 14 ran). *HARRY'S BAR, should be suited by* this trip and (10-11) ran well to be 1½l 2nd to The Jolly Beggar (10-11) at Towcester (2m, £829, soft, Dec 22, 18 ran). LINFAST, looks to have improved since last season and (11-4) produced a fine effort to beat Spanish Reef (11-2) a length at Uttoxeter (2m, £1775, soft, Dec 4, 11 ran). MUSICAL MYSTERY also seems to be on the upgrade, last time (11-6) beat Billy's Bridge (11-4) 15l at Folkestone (2m, £894, heavy, Dec 16, 15 ran). NONE TOO DEAR (10-11) is admirably consistent and ran to his best when ¾l 3rd to Colonial Charm (10-6) at Towcester (2m, £825, soft, Dec 22, 17 ran).
Selection: STERNE

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Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Peace Terms.
1.15 Dutch Lord.
1.45 Spud Tamson.
2.15 Peaty Sandy.
2.45 Mister Point.
3.15 Harley.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 Peaty Sandy.

Going: soft (chase course); heavy (hurdles)

12.45 DRONGAN CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£858: 2m) (8 runners)

1	040-002	BONFIRE (D) (M Bowker) M Bowker 8-11-12	R Marley	90	9-4
3	0-14042	PEACE TERMS (B,D) (J Ennis) G Richards 5-11-7	L O'Hara (5)	98	F7-4
8	00-0000	YELLOW BEAR (D) (H Bousfield) J Parkes 5-10-13	J R Quinn	85	16-1
9	0020/00	LITTLE TEMPEST (D) (Mrs G Young) Mrs A Bell 8-10-5	S Hodgson	—	16-1
10	1204-40	DESCARTES (D) (J McQueen) M Naughton 5-10-3	D Hogg (5)	● 99	4-1
11	040023	DOMANUS (V Thompson) V Thompson 8-10-0	D Teller	88	8-1
12	3000-00	LITTLE NEWINGTON (Capes Management Services Ltd) N Bycroft 8-10-0	R Fahey	—	12-1
13	404-4F3	OF THAT ILK (Mrs J Weir) Mrs J Weir 7-10-0	C Dennis	97	10-1

1986: PRICEOFLOVE 6-10-8 J O'Gorman (100-30) D Moffatt 6 ran

1.15 KINCAIDSTON NOVICE CHASE (£1,605: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1	F4-1223	DUTCH LORD (E Knights) Denys Smith 6-11-10	T G Dun	● 99	F8-5
3	030-33	BORDER RAMBLER (R Tyrer) G Richards 7-11-4	P Tuck	—	2-1
5	0-00000	FLYING SQUAD (Mrs J Goodfellow) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-11-4	A Stringer	—	10-1
9	0400/4	WHISPERING KNIGHT (J Mitchell) R Goldie 9-11-4	P Niven	75	6-1
10	330-000	HAZEL BANK (William McKinlay Ltd) P Monteith 8-10-13	K Teelan	—	12-1

1986: PRINCE SANTIAGO 7-11-4 C Grant (4-6 fav) Denys Smith 5 ran

1.45 DALRYMPLE NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £685: 2m) (8 runners)

1	12F00F	MOONDAWN (D) (Mrs B Ramsden) K Stone 6-11-12	A Stringer	91	F8-4
5	0/004-00	*KING HARRY (R Anderson) R Goldie 8-11-6*	C Dennis (7)	80	8-1
6	0F-00	MR GARDINER (V) (F Barlow) M Naughton 5-11-6	P Tuck	93	12-1
7	0000-00	SARPAL (C Armstrong) V Thompson 6-11-6	Mr M Thompson (4)	81	14-1
8	B00-	SILLY BOY (H) (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 7-11-6	T G Dun	—	7-2
9	2-	*SPUD TAMSON (R Wright) K Oliver 8-11-6*	J K Kinane	● 99	5-2
12	F0000-4	BRIGHT SUGGESTION (T Goldie) T Goldie 9-11-1	Mr D Mactaggart (7)	—	10-1
13		OVERTON LASS (W Young) W Young 7-11-1	L Hudson	—	10-1

1986: COMMANDER ROBERT 4-11-0 R O'Leary (Evens fav) J Hanson 10 ran

2.15 KILMARNOCK HANDICAP CHASE (£2,877: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

1	14110-2	PEATY SANDY (CD) (Miss H Hamilton) Miss H Hamilton 13-12-4	Mr A Dudgeon	● 99	F5-6
4	4P-2232	PREBEN FUR (D) (W Peacock) G Richards 10-10-0	P Tuck	98	2-1
5	121-430	*MR SPOT (BF) (R Shiels) R Shiels 10-10-0*	J K Kinane	92	9-2
6	P-2320F	ROYAL JET (G Fairbairn) G Fairbairn 10-10-0	—	90	10-1

1986: RUN'N FLY 11-10-6 C Grant (10-11 fav) A Mactaggart 3 ran

2.45 DALRYMPLE NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £685: 2m) (6 runners)

1	11	MISTER POINT (CD) (M Battle) C Tinkler 5-12-4	J D Davies (4)	● 99	F1-6
2	30-0330	CONTACT KELVIN (Mrs M Ashton) N Bycroft 5-11-6	T G Dun	79	5-1
6	0	MERCURIUS (D Robertson) D Robertson 5-11-6	Mr D Robertson	—	25-1
7	000	OAKGROVE (Lt-Col W Monteith) P Monteith 5-11-6	D Jones (7)	—	12-1
10	0	VICTOR HERBERT (M McIntosh) R Goldie 5-11-6	P Tuck	—	33-1
12		BELLANOORA (J Thom) J Thom 5-11-1	P Niven	—	50-1

1986: OLD NICK 5-11-12 C Pimlott (11-10 fav) J Hanson 12 ran

3.15 STAIR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,665: 2m 6f) (7 runners)

1	00/0213-	SIMBAD (Mrs M Rigg) R Fisher 11-11-12	M Williams	—	9-2
2	110P3-1	HA'PENNY NAP (CD) (Mrs B Ramsden) K Stone 9-11-6 (4ex)	J D Davies (4)	● 99	F2-1
5	00011-0	*TAXODIUM (CD) (M Bowker) M Bowker 7-10-11*	R Marley (7)	84	6-1
6	000223	HARLEY (Miss J Eaton) Miss J Eaton 7-10-6	C Dennis (7)	98	14-1
7	2022U3	EASTER BRIG (D Kane) G Richards 7-10-5	P Tuck	97	3-1
8	02013-0	SMART JACK (Mrs E Fisher) R Fisher 6-10-3	M Meagher	95	10-1
11	24-2010	PLEDGDON GREEN (C) (R Adamson) V Thompson 7-10-0	Mr M Thompson (4)	92	16-1

1986: HA'PENNY NAP 8-9-12 J Davies (2-1) K Stone 4 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Richards	50	275	18.2	A Dudgeon	5	13	38.5
Denys Smith	15	104	14.4	P Tuck	24	130	18.5
R Fisher	17	143	11.9	M Meagher	6	33	18.2
M Naughton	10	108	9.3	T G Dun	24	156	15.4
K Oliver	7	92	7.6	K Teelan	5	38	13.2

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SEDGEFIELD

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Elegant Guest. 1.15 Day Of Wishes. 1.45 Ram The Thor. 2.15 East Park. 2.45 Eternal Credit. 3.15 Camionnage.

Going: soft with heavy patches (8am inspection)

12.45 HASWELL NOVICE HURDLE (£617: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1	0000	*BALINGLANCE (B) R Leyland 5-11-9*	D Dutton
3	0P-F	CAPTAIN MONTY W Page 5-11-9	T P White (7)
4	0-P	DANTUNE Ali Watson 7-11-9	P A Farrell (4)
5	00-	KESKIDEE J H Johnson 6-11-9	M Pepper
6	-000	MAJOR ROUGE (B) J Charlton 5-11-9	R Earnshaw
7	0/0	NOKURU J Hanson 7-11-9	R Lamb
10		SAGAX Miss S Hall 5-11-9	D Wilkinson
11	0	SOME CASH Mrs J Barr 5-11-9	Mr T D Smith (7)
13	P0-P	TOM POUSSE D Lee 8-11-9	G Harker
14	0	UNSCRUPULOUS GENT W A Stephenson 5-11-9	A Merrigan (7)
15	0-00	WORTHY KNIGHT B McLean 5-11-9	Mr A Orkney
16	0020	COBBY CASTLE J H Johnson 5-11-4	G Landau (4)
17	34	NIKOOLA EVE J Glover 5-11-4	S Johnson
18	00	TOLLY'S TONIC T Cunningham 5-11-4	M Hammond
19	233	ELEGANT GUEST Denys Smith 4-10-10	C Grant
20	0	ILLUMINATOR M H Easterby 4-10-10	L Wyer

3 Unscrupulous Gent, 7-2 Elegant Guest, 4-1 Nikoola Eve, 5-1 Cobby Castle, 6-1 Major Rouge, 8-1 Tom Pousse.

1.15 SPENNYMOOR HANDICAP CHASE (£1,374: 3m 600yd) (6)

1	-011	SCARLET TERROR (C) R Brewis 9-11-10 NON-RUNNER	
3	P-P2	CRANLOME R Champion 9-11-0	M Richards
4	-02P	*LA BOEUF (CD) D A Lamb 11-11-0*	*R Lamb*
5	FP12	DAY OF WISHES W A Stephenson 11-10-9 (10ex)	K Jones
6	-F02	STRAWHILL (CD) E Alston 12-10-6	K Doolan
7	/P04	ANSURO R Scholey 10-10-0	P Dennis (4)

6-4 Cranlome, 3-1 Day Of Wishes, 5-1 La Boeuf, 14-1 Strawhill, Ansuro.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: G Moore 6 winners from 25 runners, 24.0%; J Haldane 6 from 29, 20.7%; M H Easterby 14 from 72, 19.4%; Jimmy Fitzgerald 8 from 48, 16.7%; J Jefferson 5 from 31, 16.1%; Denys Smith 30 from 191, 15.7%.
JOCKEYS: M Hammond 6 winners from 27 rides, 22.2%; R Lamb 32 from 180, 17.8%; C Grant 39 from 227, 17.2%; R Earnshaw 11 from 70, 15.7%; K Jones 13 from 108, 12.0% (only five qualifiers).

1.45 BORDER KNIGHT HANDICAP CHASE (£1,536: 2m) (5)

2	10-0	RAM THE THOR (D) F Walton 12-11-11	Mr J Walton
3	-030	BORDER KNIGHT (CD,BF) J Haldane 12-11-8	R Lamb
5	23-1	SHOOLER PRINCE (C,D) F Watson 10-10-12 (10ex)	C Grant
6	-104	GO ON JOE (CD) J Richardson 13-10-10	Mr A Orkney
8	2323	SIMON BOLIVAR (C,BF) W Fairgrieve 8-10-0	C Hawkins

9-4 Ram The Thor, 5-2 Shooler Prince, 100-30 Border Knight, 11-2 Go On Joe, 6-1 Simon Bolivar.

2.15 HAMSTERLEY NOVICE CHASE (£920: 2m) (7)

1	000P	BICKERSTAFFE M W Easterby 6-11-3	L Wyer
2	-0PP	BORDEAUX ROUGE (B) E Carter 6-11-3	M Pepper
3	4300	EAST PARK F Watson 7-11-3	C Grant
4	-0P0	HELLCATMUDWRESTLER W McGhie 8-11-3	J Hansen
5	U020	WELSH SPIRIT W A Stephenson 8-11-3	Mr P Johnson (7)
6	0300	HATSU-GIRIE R Swiers 6-10-12	Mr S Swiers (7)
7	-000	DECEMBRE E Alston 5-10-7	M Alston (7)

2-1 East Park, 5-2 Welsh Spirit, 7-2 Hatsu-Girie, 13-2 Hellcatmudwrestler, 12-1 Bordeaux Rouge, 14-1 Decembre.

2.45 HASWELL NOVICE HURDLE (£617: 2m 4f) (12)

1	000P	CAPERSON J Johnson 7-11-9	G Landau (4)
2	0	COOL RECEPTION W A Stephenson 6-11-9	R Lamb
3	0	ETERNAL CREDIT R Fisher 5-11-9	J O Gorman (7)
4	300-	KELDLANDS Mrs V Aconley 7-11-9	J J Quinn
5	0800	ROVIGO W A Stephenson 6-11-9	Mr P Johnson (7)
6	0-80	SMULLYAN M W Easterby 5-11-9	—
7	324	WEARDALE Denys Smith 5-11-9	C Grant
10	0002	BETTY'S GIRL R O'Leary 7-11-4	L Wyer
12	PP	HIJA SAUCY V Hall 5-11-4	
14		SING COUNTRY Mrs M Kendall 5-11-4	Mrs M Kendall
17	F	TANCRED SAND J Jefferson 4-10-10	M Hill
19		SING LUCKY SING G M Moore 4-10-5	M Hammond

9-4 Weardale, 3-1 Betty's Girl, 4-1 Kaldlands, 9-2 Smullyan, 7-1 Rovigo, 10-1 Caperson, 12-1 others.

3.15 WITTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,272: 2m 4f) (8)

1	F310	SECRET FINALE (CD) J Johnson 8-12-0	G Landau (4)
2	-004	CROONING BERRY J J O'Neill 8-11-11	C Grant
4	010-	MCGULLICUDDY Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-8	J J Quinn
5	00-4	CAMIONNAGE (C) E Carter 6-11-3	M Pepper
6	-043	CARAT STICK F Watson 7-11-2	Mr J Walton
7	2202	SMART IN BLACK (D) G Richards 5-11-2	J Hansen
9	0003	RAMPANT R Barr 6-11-0	Mr H Brown (7)
13	P	REGAL TOUCH Mrs S Austin 9-10-0	—

7-2 Secret Finale, 9-2 Crooning Berry, Camionnage, 4-1 Smart In Black, 6-1 Carat Stick, 13-2 Mcgullicuddy.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Newbury

Going: soft

12.30 (3m ch) 1, TEN PLUS (K Mooney, 8-11 *fav*); 2, Ten In Hand (Miss S Lawrence, 11-1); 3, Wicked Uncle (P Scudamore, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Woodside Road (pu), 10 Spartan Orient (6th), 25 Castle Andrea (4th), 33 Green Ivy (5th), 50 Green Secret (pu). 8 ran. 8l, 7l, hd, 2l, not recorded. *F Walwyn at Lambourn*. Tote: £1.50; £1.30, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £5.60. CSF: £8.90.

1.00 (3m ch) 1, GAINSAY (M Pitman, 11-2); 2, *The Catchpool (P Scudamore, 6-4 fav)*; 3, Lord Laurence (R Dunwoody, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Le Gran Brun (4th), 9 Bright Dream (5th), 10 Homeson (pu). 6 ran. 4l, 4l, 3l, 15l, 12l. Mrs J Pitman at Lambourn. Tote: £5.40; £2.10, £1.50. DF: £5.40. CSF: £13.18.

1.30 (2m 4f 120yd hdle) 1, BONANZA BOY (Peter Hobbs, 4-1); 2, Special Vintage (M Dwyer, 7-2); 3, Cindie Girl (M Harrington, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Robin Goodfellow (5th), 8 Mr Parker (pu), 10 Skygrange (4th), 14 Perfect Double, 20 *Ruby Flight (6th). 8 ran. NR: Mr Kats*. 2l, 5l, 7l, 10l, 5l. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: £5.70; £1.60, £1.80, £1.60. DF: £8.80. CSF: £17.46.

2.00 (2m 160yd ch) 1, ANNETTE'S DELIGHT (S Moore, 7-2 fav); 2, French Union (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 3, Paddyboro (R Rowe, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Jo Colombo (4th), 5 Admiral's Cup (6th), 8 Nudge Nudge (5th). 6 ran. NR: Itsgottabealright. Hd, 5l, 7l, 25l, 6l. T Casey at Adstone. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £2.10. DF: £5.50. CSF: £15.63.

2.30 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, CAESAR IMPERATOR (Dale McKeown, 9-2); 2, Prairie Oyster (C Cox, 3-1 fav); 3, Ricmar (R Dunwoody, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Anything Better (4th), 11-2 *Devil's Run*, 9 Chief Pal, 12 Llanarmon, 14 Desert Of Wind (6th), First Bill, 25 Parentus (f), 33 Cuckoo In The Nest, Flying Benny (5th), Ganoon (pu), Gold Shaft, Helvic Bay, *Joker Man* (pu), Romful Prince (pu), Bracket, Grecian Bust. 19 ran. 1½l, nk, 8l, 4l, 5l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: win £7.10; £2.60, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £13.00. CSF: £19.30.

3.0 (3m 120yd hdle) 1, ELLFERANDEM (G Landau, 14-1); 2, New Farmer (B Dowling, 9-2 fav); 3, Accuracy (A *Charlton*, 5-1); 4, *Super Grass* (C Llewellyn, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 10 Upham Kelly, Gallant Buck, Yes Master, 11 Airborne Deal, 12 Spend Easy (f), 16 Great Light, Timsun, The Shiner (6th), 25 Falkland Conqueror, 33 Anex (5th), Tasty Guy, Miss Felham (pu), Abbeybraney. 17 ran. 7l, 2l, 1½l, 5l, 8l. S Mellor at Lambourn. Tote: £15.80; £2.50, £1.40, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £34.70. CSF: £74.83. Tricast: £337.07.

Jackpot: not won. Placepot: £7.55.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to soft

12.45 (2m ch) 1, NOON GUN (C *Hawkins, 100-30*); 2, French Nephew (C Grant, 10-11 fav); 3, Victory Morn (K Doolan, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 5 Potoki (4th). 4 ran. NR: Adare, Bright Imp. 1l, 25l, ¾l. N Crump at Middleham. Tote: £3.00. DF: £2.40. CSF: £6.42.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, CLASS HOPPER (M Pepper, 3-1 fav); 2, Sassilby Park (S Johnson, 5-1); 3, Jousting Boy (S Mitchell, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Allisterdransfield (4th), 4 Armitage (5th), 5 Togdale, 7 Rich Bitch (6th), 33 Bepop Baby (pu). 8 ran. NR: Irish Dilemma. 15l, 1½l, 15l, ½l, 12l. W Elsey *at Malton*. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.60, £9.50. DF: £12.80. CSF: £18.07.

1.45 (3m 300yd ch) 1, JONLANI (C Grant, 7-4); 2, *Strawhill (K Doolan, 16-1)*; 3, Melerek (M Hammond, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 3 Sam Wrekin (4th). 4 ran. 10l, 20l. Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. Tote: £2.40. DF: £10.50. CSF: £15.47.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, PENDLEY GOLD (J D Davies, 4-5 fav); 2, Lingham Bride (Mr J Osborne, 9-2); 3, Feeling Rosey (S Youlden, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 8 Calmata (5th), 12 *Shermago* (4th), 14 Modina Balirona, 16 York Place, 25 Just Dennis, County Rhythm, Miss Kinglet (6th). 10 ran. NR: Galloping Claude, High Edge Grey, Assermanda, Balustrade. 1½l, 3l, 4l, 8l, dist. M Naughton at Richmond. Tote: £2.00; £1.10, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.67.

2.45 (3m 300yd ch) 1, BRIG O'BALGOWNIE (P Niven, 16-1); 2, Handy Trick (R Lamb, 7-4 fav); 3, Kerali (Mr J Swiers, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Prince Metternich (f), 6 Deep South (4th), 9 Sharp Tor (pu), 12 Bright Sheriff (5th), Chipchase (pu), 20 Great Tarquin (pu), 25 Chart Finder (pu), Historic House (6th), 50 Red Metal (pu). 12 ran. 8l, 15l, 8l, 20l, dist. R *Barr at Middlesborough*. Tote: £24.10; £3.70, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £47.80. CSF: £44.27.

3.15 (3m 300yd hdle) 1, SENOR RAMOS (G Harker, 5-1); 2, *Write The Music* (S Johnson, 3-1 fav); 3, Champagne Charlie (Mr H Brown, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Good To See You (4th), 11-2 Syrtox (pu), 6 Doughty Rebel, 10 Wil-Tot, 14 Crammond Brig (5th), 25 Fine Steel, 33 Little Mittens (6th), Demon King. 11 ran. 4l, 3l, 6l, 8l, 10l. Ron Thompson at Doncaster. Tote: £5.30; £1.50, £1.10, £3.90. DF: £6.80. CSF: £20.02. Tricast: £157.52. *After a stewards'* inquiry the first two places were reversed. Placepot: £127.05

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Going: hurdles course, heavy; chase, soft

12.45 (2m 4f hdle) 1, TAP'EM TWICE (S Holland, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Angel Dust (A *Stringer, 7-4 jt-fav*); 3, The Fisk Sisters (P Dennis, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Greenhills Boy (pu), 14 Kampball (4th), 16 Th'olimen (pu). 6 ran. 15l, 3l, ¾l. F Lee at Wilmslow. Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.08.

1.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, DARK IVY (P Tuck, 9-4); 2, The Divider (T G Dun, 4-7 fav); 3, Clonroche Stream (Mr M Thompson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Aden Apollo (pu). 4 ran. 8l, 10l. G W Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £3.00. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.78.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, STRING PLAYER (S Holland, 11-10 fav); 2, Sonny One Shine (A Stringer, 5-2); 3, L O Broadway (K Teelan, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Sherman Gutrey (4th). 4 ran. NR: Galatch. 7l, 10l, sh hd. F Lee at Wilmslow. Tote: £2.00. DF: £3.10. CSF: £3.93.

2.15 (3m 110yd ch) 1, JENNIE PAT (P Tuck, 6-5); 2, Polar Nomad (K Jones, Evens fav); 3, Convict Boy (K Teelan, 33-1). *ALSO RAN*: 16 Royal Reply (4th), 25 Jay Double You (f), 50 Dizzy Dora (5th). 6 ran. 4l, 15l, 10l, 4l. G W Richards at Greystoke. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.57.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, HY TAB (Mr M Walsh, 9-2); 2, Auckland Express (Mr M Thompson, 11-1); 3, Penny's Dream (P Dennis, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Ida's Delight (pu), 4 Gennaro (pu), 7 Jondale (4th). 6 ran. ¾l, 6l, dist. W Wells at Lockerbie. Tote: £6.60; £2.10, £2.40. DF: £20.00. CSF: £38.80.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, HASSLE MONEY (M Meagher, 5-2); 2, Randolph Place (P Tuck, 4-9 fav); 3, Sergiades (Mr M Thompson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Pepper Moon (5th), 50 Giddy Limit (pu), Chances Pitch (4th). 6 ran. 4l, 12l, dist, 4l. R Fisher at Ulverston. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.93. Placepot: [illegible]

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RUGBY UNION

Injuries add to England examination nerves against a confident Rest

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Players hate trials and that is a perfectly understandable attitude. It is the examination system as against the termly or yearly assessment. Both serve a purpose and at least the England team which goes in against the Rest at Twickenham today has been given every opportunity that squad preparation can confer. If England are outplayed by the Rest in an individual or collective respect, they cannot complain that the selectors have been inconsistent.

It is unfortunate, admittedly, that the team which came together to play against Japan in October has not survived intact: Injuries have removed players from all three rows of the scrum, and their replacements were the subject of discussion yesterday evening when the two teams, the travelling replacements and the selectors gathered in Richmond.

Gareth Chilcott, the Bath loose-head prop, has a strained shoulder; Nigel Redman, his club lock, has bruised knee ligaments, though he has assured the selectors that he will be fit by January 17, the date of the first international; and Dean Richards, the Leicester No 8, has water on the knee. Otherwise the teams have remained intact and it is the replacements who have been much at variance.

The withdrawals there include John Carleton, of Orrell, John Goodwin, of Moseley, and Neil Mantell, the Nottingham captain, all of whose expectations of international honours may consequently be limited. Indeed Mantell, at 33, is no longer offering himself for international consideration. Jeff Probyn, of Wasps is also unavailable, but because of injury; those called up in their stead include, yesterday, John Orwin, the Bedford lock, and Richard Pascall, the Gloucester tight-head prop.

The selectors may not make straight promotions from the Rest to fill the three vacancies in England's team. They have been seeking players in combination, and may wish, for example, to keepthe Rest's back row which performed so well for the North in the divisional championship.

So it is not a particularly educated guess to say that David Egerton, of Bath, will play in the senior side today instead of Richards. Martin Whitcombe, of Bedford, may also be promoted in place of Chilcott, and David Cusani, the Orrell lock, may take Redman's place.

This would leave the Rest their formidable scrummaging locks, Colin Pinnegar and Maurice Colclough, and the support that Paul Rendall, who has recovered from a strained hamstring, provides at both scrum and lineout.

Martin Green will prepare the England side and Des Seabrook the junior side this morning and the weekend will continue tomorrow under the direction of Tom McNab, the conditioning coach, at Haringey Athletics Club.

It is, of course, Seabrook's men, captained by Mike Harrison, who have everything to gain, notably individual players such as Harrison himself, Jon Webb, the Bristol full back, Will Carling, Durham University's centre, and Rob Andrew and Peter Winterbottom, of Wasps and Headingley respectively. But Harrison will insist that they try to reproduce the style which helped the North to the divisional championship. "We can win", he said. "The Welsh juniors upset the top selection and we are aiming to emulate them.

"I only hope that if players in my side do shine in the trial then they are given a cap. If quality on the day is not acknowledged then there is no point in the match. Trials are strange games. Everybody wants to impress as an individual instead of being subservient to the team."

Since the Rest possess the nucleus of the North's backs, plus their back row, that pattern seems obvious. Chris Oti will certainly fit into their attacking ambitions, though it will be instructive to see if Stuart Barnes or Richard Hill can test his defence with some well-directed kicking.

And if the Rest are to pin their faith in an attacking game, England will need to respond in similar vein, so that the likes of Jamie Salmon, Mark Bailey and Simon Halliday, can demonstrate what they have to offer. They will derive no benefit from a tight encounter but will be looking for a sufficiently sound platform from which they can dominate their (in many instances) less-experienced opponents in the last half-hour.

Today's teams at Twickenham

England XV		The Rest
M Rose (Harlequins)	Full back	J Webb (Bristol)
M Bailey (Wasps)	Right wing	*M Harrison (Wakefield)
S Halliday (Bath)	Right centre	K Simms (Wasps)
J Salmon (Harlequins)	Left centre	W Carling (Durham Univ)
R Underwood (Leicester)	Left wing	C Oti (Nottingham)
S Barnes (Bath)	Stand-off	R Andrew (Wasps)
R Hill* (Bath)	Scrum half	R Harding (Bristol)
A N Other	Prop	P Rendall (Wasps)
B Moore (Nottingham)	Hooker	G Dawe (Bath)
G Pearce (Northampton)	Prop	R Lee (Bath)
J Hall (Bath)	Flanker	P Simpson (Bath)
J Morrison (Bath)	Lock	C Pinnegar (Wasps)
A N Other	Lock	M Colclough (Swansea)
G Rees (Nottingham)	Flanker	P Winterbottom (Headingley)
A N Other	No. 8	A Macfarlane (Fylde)

*Captain

REPLACEMENTS: P Williams (Orrell), B Evans (Leicester), R Lozowski (Wasps), S Smith (Richmond), D Holmes (Sheffield), M Whitcombe (Bedford), L Johnson (Coventry), S Brain (Rugby), R Pascall (Gloucester), W Dooley (Fylde), D Cusani (Orrell), M Rose (Wasps), A Robinson (Bath), D Egerton (Bath).

Points to prove: Mike Harrison (with ball), captain of the Rest, and Will Carling (left) aim to upset England's form-book

Kennedy can force way into Scotland

By Ian McLauchlan

The national trial can be regarded as one of the most important games on the calendar, as the dress rehearsal for the international season ahead. Last year, in Scotland, the Probables were beaten 41 points to 10, and the selectors accepted the evidence and capped six new players. Their courage helped Scotland to a very successful season with a share of the Five Nations championship.

I do not think that we will have such a remarkable turnabout today, but some places are up for grabs. The most obvious of these is in the midfield, where the playing of Rutherford and Wyllie as dual stand-off halves, or as the New Zealanders prefer, first and second five-eighths, is very much an experimental selection. One which will be severely tested by Kennedy and Tait if they are given the right type of possesion.

Both these players and Murray (Hawick) played exceptionally well during the recently-completed McEwan's inter-district championship, with Kennedy playing a particularly influential part in Edinburgh's outright victory. And few would dispute his return to internationals. Tait, though less experienced, is fast and very strong, and will profit from playing alongside Kennedy.

The other area requiring close scrutiny is the back five of the pack. Paxton is assured of a place, but that may yet end up being in his preferred position of No 8 and not at lock as he will start the game. Campbell, his partner, will need a good game to retain his place, although he is such a good tight forward that he will be difficult to replace.

The make-up of the back row of Jeffrey, Beattie and Finlay Calder is not to everyone's liking, since all three players are at their best in open support play with none really geared to dynamic tackling or close-quarter defence. Jeffrey, it would seem, is the one in most danger of losing out since he has had a loss of form recently.

In the Possibles pack, with the ageing Tomes and the inexperienced Parker at lock, I would expect Campbell to stay in possession, but would say that Jeffrey's place will be in real danger from the wily Jim Calder and the rumbustious Turnbull, both of whom are bang on form.

The game will be decided on how well the Possibles cope with the Probables scrum and if they can dominate the lineout. Given the right possession, the Possibles can provide a test and perhaps as last year provide the selectors with more questions than answers.

PROBABLES: G Hastings (Watsonians); M Duncan (West of Scotland), D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), S Hastings (Watsonians), I Tukalo (Selkirk); J Rutherford (Selkirk), R Laidlaw (Jed-Forest); D Sole (Bath), C Deans (Hawick, captain), I Milne (Heriot's FP), J Jeffrey (Kelso), A Campbell (Hawick), I Paxton (Selkirk), F Calder (Stewart's Melville FP), J Beattie (Glasgow Academicals).

POSSIBLES: P Dods (Gala); S McAslan (Heriot's FP), E Kennedy (Watsonians), A Tait (Kelso), T Paterson-Brown (London Scottish); A Ker (Kelso), G Oliver (Hawick); A Brewster (Stewart's Melville FP), G Callander (Kelso, captain), T Waite (Kelso), J Calder (Stewart's Melville FP), H Parker (Kilmarnock), A Tomes (Hawick), D Turnbull (Hawick), D White (Gala).

Replacements: P Hogarth (Hawick), G McGuinness (West of Scotland), J Macklin (London Scottish), K Milne (Heriot's FP), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), N Rowan (Boroughmuir), G MacGregor (Boroughmuir), S Munro (Ayr), K Murray (Hawick), K Robertson (Melrose), J Scott (Stewart's Melville FP), C Flannigan (Melrose).

Bishop's tense six days

The Welsh Rugby Union's appeals procedure will move into action next Wednesday when they are due to hear the case for David Bishop, Pontypool's suspended scrum half, to make an earlier return to the game than his original sentence of a year suggested (David Hands writes).

Bishop was suspended after pleading guilty in a civil court to assaulting Chris Jarman, the Newbridge lock, in a club match (for which he was given a four-week prison sentence, suspended on appeal for a year).

His last appearance for Pontypool was on October 1, since when the WRU appeals panel has heard the case of Adrian Owen (Bridgend) and, as a consequence, lifted a long suspension, while Paul Moriarty (Swansea) has suffered a club suspension for foul play, an omission from the Welsh trial and, earlier this week, a restoration to the Welsh squad.

The case of Bishop may have been compared directly by his legal advisers with the second incident, in that Bishop was not sent off during the game in which Jarman was injured; nor was Moriarty after punching Chris Mills, the Richmond forward.

Owen, Bridgend 's captain and lock, was sent off after allegedly kicking Simon Hogg, the Bristol centre, but the player consistently maintained his innocence and, with support from other players from both sides, had a 22-week suspension lifted.

Bishop's ban is due to run until the beginning of next season but if his appeal succeeds — the decision will be made next Thursday — he could be playing again this month.

No merit in taking advantage

No doubt the John Smith's merit table situation will force itself upon us again before the season is out but the position grows no better, with today's scheduled game between Harlequins and Wasps demerited (David Hands writes).

Gloucester play their second table A game in three days when they meet London Scottish at Kingsholm, a game they must win to improve their status near the bottom of the table.

Scottish themselves, however, prop up the table and must take advantage not only of the chance to better their percentage but of demonstrating their wares to national selectors in important games. Only Paterson-Brown is involved in today's trial at Murrayfield, with Macklin on the bench.

It is the table A clubs, by and large, who have taken advantage of the demeritting rule, despite an early-season agreement not to do so. Moseley, in their match programme this week, pointed out that of 120 table A games this season, only 78 may be played if clubs continue to break the agreement, a ridiculous situation if the table is to mean anything at all.

Even those who re-arrange dates will do so only at the expense of ground advantage to one side or the other. Games scheduled on the eve of internationals, clashing with cup dates or county championship dates, will continue to be affected.

The state of table B is far healthier. Northampton, the joint leaders with Waterloo, have another chance of confirming their place today against London Welsh while Blackheath, at the bottom, would leap three places if they beat Rosslyn Park.

Romanian defeat triggers new emphasis on numbers

By Chris Thau

Romania have announced an enlarged World Cup squad in the wake of the 60-point disaster against Ireland in November. It includes three players for each position, but the final line-up of 26 will not be announced before the games against the Soviet Union and Italy in the spring.

The announcement of the squad at the beginning of their three-month winter break must be seen as a reiteration of Romania's commitment to the World Cup; speculation that they might miss the competition has been firmly discounted by the Romanian World Cup manager, Viorel Morariu.

He visited England with his club side, Grivita Rosie, for three games just before Christmas following an invitation from Sidcup. Six of his players, including his son flank forward, Octavian Morariu, have been included in the 45-strong squad and several members of the old guard, Radulescu, Murariu, Paraschiv, Alexandru and Aldea, dropped for various reasons last season, have re-emerged at top level.

However, several players who took part in the Irish massacre have vanished altogether from the international squad. It appears that the Romanian federation singled out Seceleanu, Nastase, Hodorca, Doja and Zafiescu for lack of commitment in the Irish game and banned them from international rugby for one or two seasons.

The Romanian federation is still crippled by the purge which followed the Irish game but a meeting last month failed to solve the deadlock. The Romanians have a World Cup squad but do not yet have a coach after the dismissal of Valeriu Irimescu. The position of secretary is vacant after one of the candidates, Radu Demian, turned down an offer to replace the dismissed secretary, Ovidiu Marcu.

Interesting enough none of the seven selectors who picked the teams for both the French and the Irish games was disciplined or felt compelled to resign.

"It is amazing how the same selectors who dropped Paraschiv, Alexandru and their lot had the nerve to bring back almost the whole of the 1983 side who beat Wales and get away with it," said one Romanian player who refused to be identified.

It is possible that Romania might opt, instead, for a player-coach. Two seasoned campaigners sharing between them more than 100 caps, scrum half Mirchea Paraschiv and lock forward, Gheorge Dumitru, are the likely candidates to take Romania to the World Cup where they are expected to both play and coach. A coaching co-ordinator, to maintain the delicate balance between the two younger coaches is likely also to be appointed.

Financial considerations will play a significant part in preparing a credible Romanian challenge for the Cup. Romania's failures in international rugby followed closely the pattern of the declining Romanian economy. The situation will worsen this year as the budget of most federations in Romania will be cut.

Belfast points battle

Two points for CIYMS against Portadown at Belmont this afternoon would go a long way towards clinching the Ulster Senior League section two title and with it promotion to section one next season (George Ace writes).

The Belfast game is the only one with points at stake, clubs having postponed league fixtures under the rule which permits this when one or more players are involved in Ireland duty.

No fewer than 10 Ulster players are engaged in the two-day training session in Dublin in preparation for the opening international against Wales in Cardiff on January 17.

FIXTURES: Ulster Senior League: Section Two: CIYMS v Portadown. Club matches: St Mary's v Malone, Terenure v Academy, MIFC v Queen's University, Instonians v Dungannon Ards v Collegians. Omagh v City of Derry.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Neath v Coventry

Jonathan Davies and Paul Thorburn return to Neath's ranks though some doubt remains over the recently-injured back-row trio of Mark and Lyn Jones, and Pugh. Coventry have Kidner (lock) and Fairn (full back) and retain Kennell on the wing.

Bridgend v Newport

Newport, fresh from scoring eight tries on New Year's Day and with 10 wins from their last 11 games, take on a Bridgend side which includes Jenkins at lock and Hall at hooker. Goodfellow, Holding and Hutchings return to the backs.

L Irish v Nottingham

Tom Hennessy leads Irish, who give a debut to Carr at hooker and have Marty playing his first game of the season at flanker. MacNeill is available at full back against Nottingham who have Mantell and Moon back and bring in Taylor, a water polo international, at hooker.

L Welsh v Northampton

After an unhappy Christmas, the Welsh have Thomas and Pill among their backs and bring Keating and Watkins into the back row, where Rodliffe also plays, leaving Hall to fill the vacancy at lock. Fox and Cox appear in Northampton's front row where Pearce is the notable absentee.

Gloucester v L Scottish

Gloucester bring Scrivens (lock) and Fowke (flanker) into the pack but otherwise retain the side that lost at Moseley on New Year's Day. The Scottish shuffle backs and forwards around, Renwick and Walters playing on the wings, Jelinek and Buchanan in the back row.

Harlequins v Wasps

Harlequins have the Thresher brothers, Stuart at full back and David (flanker) together in a side short of two trialists and Weekes, who is ill. Wasps, lacking seven trialists, have Young at centre, Ischei and Holmes at prop.

Llanelli v Newbridge

Though David Pickering is still not fit, Llanelli restore trialists Ieuan Evans and Nigel Davies to their backs and field Gary Jones at No 8 against Newbridge who came a cropper against Newport in their last outing

Blackheath v Rosslyn Pk

John Reed is at centre for Park who have McGauley back in the front row after a holiday. Blackheath's front row includes Sellers and Gilfillen while Craig returns at full back and Hughes moves to the wing.

Cardiff v Moseley

Injuries force Moseley to bring Hickey and Harknett into their back row while Exeter plays centre, leaving Goodwin to revert to the wing instead of Parsons. Ring is at centre for Cardiff who bring in Evans and Gibbons at half back.

Ebbw Vale v Saracens

Neil Robinson returns after two months at flanker for Vale against Saracens who have not yet lost to Welsh opposition.

Disappointing contest stops slide

By Michael Stevenson

Durham 18 Group 8
N'berland 18 Group 0

Durham 18 Group, with only one win from four matches, entertained Northumberland at Ryton yesterday to win a largely scrappy and disappointing contest, which nevertheless was illuminated by flashes of brilliance from the Durham backs. They scored two tries to nil.

Northumberland, whose powerful pack had helped them to victory over Yorkshire, should have won on goal kicking alone. Chandler and Clark, the half-backs, shared the kicking and six penalty chances, four of them from easy positions, went begging.

When their pack, spearheaded by their fine flanker, Conway and M Smith were on the rampage, they looked menacing but ideas outside the scrum were at a premium, so that much good possession was squandered.

Once again the shining talent of the younger Underwood was apparent and Johnston in the centre for Durham also impressed. An arid and scoreless first half was punctuated by missed penalty chances, the easiest of all being duffed from virtually in front of the posts by Clark for Northumberland.

A longer kick by Ryan for Durham struck a post but this apart, the closest that Durham came to points, was through the exciting running of Johnston.

Northumberland should have led shortly after the interval when McRae chose to cut inside with a two-man overlap, to be buried by the cover and a brilliant tackle from Underwood, over from the other wing, on Ryan, prevented a certain score.

Chandler was closer with a drop goal attempt than he had been with any of his penalty chances and a crisp counter attack earned Durham the lead when Dufton broke from full-back and fed Underwood who dribbled his way through the Northumberland line for the touchdown.

Dufton and Underwood also helped to create Durham's other try, scored by Foster after some superb handling.

SCORERS: Durham: Tries: Underwood, Foster

DURHAM: E Dufton (Durham Johnson); L Ryan (Durham School), N Foster (Barnard Castle), P Johnston (Bede Sunderland), T Underwood (Barnard Castle); A Clayton, R Spencer; P Jones (all Durham School), A Hetherington (capt, Barnard Castle), J Dent (Durham School), R Milton (Framwellgate Moor), M Plummer, S Carss (both Barnard Castle), I Cornelius (Durham Johnson), L Nicholls (Sedburgh).

NORTHUMBERLAND: L Dixon (King's, Tynemouth); P McNeill (Duchess, Alnwick), D McRae (King Edward VI, Morpeth), R Baxendale (Berwick High), D Healy (Bedlingtonshire High); I Chandler (Gosforth High), J Clark (King's, Tynemouth); D Allsop (Bedlingtonshire High), M Horne (RGS Newcastle), A Dillamore (King's, Tynemouth), F Conway (Dame Allans), M Smith (St Cuthbert's RC), S Turner (RGS), S Murray (capt, King Edward VI, Morpeth), G Smith (King's, Tynemouth).

Referee: D English (Durham Society).

WEEKEND RUGBY UNION FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

TRIAL MATCHES
England v The Rest (at Twickenham, 2.0)
Blues v Whites (at Murrayfield, 2.0)

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A
Gloucester v London Scottish

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE B
Blackheath v Rosslyn Park (2.15)
London Welsh v Northampton (2.15)

CLUB MATCHES
Abertillery v Glamorgan Wanderers
Birkenhead Park v Birmingham
Bridgend v Newport
Bristol v Bedford
Broughton Park v Nuneaton (2.30)
Cardiff v Moseley
Cross Keys v Pontypridd
Ebbw Vale v Saracens (2.30)
Exeter v Cheltenham (2.30)
Fylde v Liverpool St Helens (2.30)
Gosforth v Blaydon (2.15)
Halifax v Bradford (2.30)
Harlequins v Wasps (at Stoop Mem Grnd, 2.15)
Hartlepool v Preston Grasshoppers (2.15)
Headingley v Leicester (2.30)
Hull and ER v Manchester (2.15)
Llanelli v Newbridge
London Irish v Nottingham (2.30)
Maesteg v Pontypool
Morley v Orrell (2.30)
Neath v Coventry
New Brighton v Sale
Northern v Sheffield (2.15)
Penarth v Tredegar
Plymouth v Camborne (2.45)
Richmond v South Wales Police (2.30)
Roundhay v Otley (2.15)
Rugby v Wilmslow (2.30)
Swansea v Aberavon
Vale of Lune v Durham (2.15)
Waterloo v Bath (2.15)
West Hartlepool v Metropolitan Police (2.15)

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Basingstoke v Bournemouth; Beckenham v Old Colfeians; Bedford Athletic v Old Northamptonians; Bromley v Civil Service; Canterbury v Gillingham Anchorians; Dartfordians v Thurrock; Edenbridge v Greenwich; Finchley v Mill Hill; Harlow v Colchester; Harrow v Hendon; Havant v Winchester; Henley v Aylesbury; Hertford v Letchworth; High Wycombe v Staines; Leighton Buzzard v Fullerians; Lewes v Westcombe Park; Maidenhead v Reading; Newbury v Guildford and Godalming; North Walsham v Ipswich; Norwich v Kettering; Old Brockleians v Askeans; Old Dunstonians v KCS Old Boys; Old Emanuel v Salisbury; Old Gaytonians v Old Elizabethans; Old Millhillians v Esher; Old Merchant Taylor v Woodford; Old Verulamians v Tabard; Old Westcliffians v Cambridge; Osterley v Centaurs; Oxford Old Boys v Abbey; Southend v Oxford; Stockwood Park v Hemel Hempstead; Sutton and Epsom v Streatham-Croydon; Taunton v Sidcup; Upper Clapton v Maidstone; Windsor v Eastleigh.

NORTHERN: Ambleside v Carnforth; Aspull v Sefton; Birkenhead Park v Birmingham; Blackburn v Newton-le-Willows; Bradford and Bingley v Halifax; Broughton Park v Nuneaton; Burnage v Rossendale; Bury v Littleborough; Caldy v Southport; Chester v Huddersfield; Cleckheaton v Oldham; Colne and Nelson v Vulcan; Davenport v Rochdale; Eccles v Old Bedians; Fylde v Liverpool St Helens; Gosforth v Blaydon; Hartlepool Rovers v Preston Grasshoppers; Headingley v Leicester; Hull and East Riding v Manchester; Kendal v Wharfedale; Kersal v Port Sunlight; Leek v Crewe and Nantwich; Manchester YMCA v Old Aldwinians; Mold v Ashton-on-Mersey; Morley v Orrell; Moore v Wirral; New Brighton v Sale; Northern v Sheffield; Parkonians v Halton; Pontefract v Sedgley Park; Roundhay v Otley; Rugby v Wilmslow; Stoke v Winnington Park; Toc H v Ashton-under-Lyne; Thornton Cleveleys v Michelin; Trentham v Tyldesley; Vale of Lune v Durham City; Waterloo v Bath; Warrington v Macclesfield; West Park v Heaton Moor; Whitehaven v Furness; Widnes v Keighley; Wrexham v Stafford.

NORTH WEST: Division 1: Lymm v Mid-Cheshire College. NORTH Division 1: Calder Vale v Moresby; Leigh v Penrith. Division 2: St Benedicts v Blackpool. WEST Division 1: Ormskirk v St Edwards. Division 2: Ruskin Park v Hoylake. Division 3: Old Instonians v Hoylake. EAST Division 2: Marrovick v Congleton.

TOMORROW

CLUB MATCH
West Hartlepool v Preston Grasshoppers (2.15)

CRICKET

Sri Lanka look for improved display

Delhi (Reuter) — The Sri Lankans will need to produce a more disciplined performance if they are to prevent India winning the third and final Test beginning today in Cuttack.

An Indian victory would give them a 2-0 victory in the series and add credence to their claims that their defeat in the one-day international in Kanpur nine days ago was merely a one-off result. Although local officials insist the wicket will assist bowlers and batsmen alike, there is every chance it will take spin as the match progresses. If so, Maninder Singh, India's left-hand spin bowler, may reap another harvest of wickets.

In the second Test in Nagpur last week — which India won by an innings and 106 runs — Maninder had a match return of 10 wickets for 107 runs, including seven for 51 in the Sri Lankan second innings.

Sri Lanka, a young and enthusiastic side, do not appear to have been demoralized by that defeat and there is little doubt they are a better team than their performance in Nagpur suggests. India's batsmen, though, are certainly partial to their bowling: in the first Test, in Kanpur, they totalled 676 for seven and in the second 451 for six declared.

Though interest in the five-day game is apparently diminishing, schools and colleges have been given a holiday today, while 2,100 police will be on duty for the first-ever Test to be staged in Cuttack.

Kerr and Ritchie rally state

Sydney (Reuter) — Queensland recovered from an early setback to stand at 272 for nine at the close of play on the first day of their four-day Sheffield Shield match against South Australia in Brisbane yesterday.

The decision of Hookes, the South Australian captain, to send Queensland in to bat paid an early dividend when Courtice was dismissed for nine with the total 12.

But a solid second-wicket partnership between Kerr, the Queensland captain, and Ritchie, who was recently dropped by Australia for the Test against England in Melbourne, produced 73 runs before Ritchie was out for 43 attempting to loft May, the off-spinner, to the boundary.

The pick of the attack was comfortably Zesers, who had all the Queensland batsmen in trouble and finished the day with four for 62 from 36 overs. Inwood was the top-scorer for Queensland with 66.

In Newcastle no play was possible because of rain in the game between New South Wales and Tasmania.

SCORES: Brisbane: Queensland 272 for nine (B Inwood 66; A Zesers four for 62) v South Australia. Newcastle: Tasmania v New South Wales, no play.

Belfast play host

Teams from Britain, Ireland, the United States, and Belgium will compete in the Milk international basketball tournament in Belfast from January 5 to 9.

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FOOTBALL

McNeill plays Villa's last trump as Cooper comes in for Stainrod

By Chris Moore

Neale Cooper, the prize capture in Aston Villa's £1 million summer spending-spree, makes a belated debut for his struggling side against Nottingham Forest at Villa Park this afternoon.

The 23-year-old former Scotland Under-21 mid-field player, signed for £350,000 from Aberdeen, replaces Simon Stainrod as one of four changes in the side beaten 3-0 by Everton on New Year's Day.

That was Villa's seventh loss in 13 games, leaving them back in the bottom three, which was where they started under Billy McNeill's leadership, before embarking on a run of only one defeat in his first 10 games.

Despite today's shake-up, which sees Gary Williams and Martin Keown, another summer transfer, restored in defence, with Mark Walters added to the attack, McNeill insists there is no panic in any shape or direction.

"Our position is serious," he admitted. "But it can be salvaged. We have the ability to fight our way out of trouble but have simply got to stop giving away goals at the current rate."

Villa have the worst defensive record in the country, and have conceded 50 goals in 23 league games. When they visited the City Ground in September, they lost 6-0 to Forest, a result that was followed by the sacking of Graham Turner, the former manager.

Cooper is now the last trump-card in McNeill's hand, unless he is allowed to spend some of the £650,000 Villa received for Steve Hodge before Christmas.

"He's had a long and tortuous ordeal due to his pelvic injury, but is now raring to go," said McNeill. "I'm looking for him to revitalise us in mid-field. He's a very talented player whose attitude and personality can rub off on those around him. But we must not expect too much too soon."

Cooper last night described his long lay-off as a "nightmare". "It's been murder," he said. "But I've come through a few reserve team games okay and I'm just desperate to get my season going. I appreciate the fans will be expecting things from me personally, but the important point is that we get together as a team and play for each other. There are some exceptional players at Villa and once we get a bit of confidence back I am certain things can only look up."

Stayaway day for Chelsea

Luton are confident that Chelsea supporters will see commonsense today and stay away from Kenilworth Road. "Chelsea's reputation has improved over the last couple of years," John Smith, Luton's executive director, whose club's "home fans only" rule has so far been respected, said.

Chelsea's last two match programmes have carried appeals for supporters not to travel and Smith suggested: "The vast majority will respond because they are responsible people." And he issued a reminder for visiting supporters who may attempt entry: "They will be wasting their time and money — because they won't get in."

The relegation-threatened Chelsea have staged a Christmas revival, with three straight wins, and their programme message says: "We realize many of you will be bitterly disappointed, especially those of you who regularly support us away from home. But please do not travel to Luton and do not risk the good name of Chelsea."

Chelsea's chairman, Ken Bates, is expected to attend the match.

"The attitude of all visiting clubs this season has been excellent," Smith, who forecasts a 12,000 crowd, said. "Some people asked whether we planned special arrangements before home games against Watford, Arsenal, Newcastle, Liverpool, Everton and Manchester City because they felt there would be a large travelling support. But the most we have had is just a handful of visitors. Some hang around outside; others just go off because there isn't any room for them in our ground."

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Aston Villa (20) v Nottingham Forest (4)
Cooper makes his delayed debut for Villa and Walters and Keown deputize for the injured Birch and Elliott. Williams comes in for Norton. Forest name a squad of 14.

Leicester City (22) v Sheffield Wednesday (10)
Kelly joins an injury list including Osman, Wilson, Sealy, Mauchlen and Walsh. Consequently Alleyne, 18, will make his home league debut and two other teenagers, Williamson and Horner, are included in a squad of 12. Wednesday will be without Sterland, who has a hamstring injury. Smith may return after a 10-month absence.

Liverpool (3) v West Ham United (8)
Ward is doubtful because of injury for West Ham who are still minus Stewart and Gale. Liverpool are likely to be unchanged though Johnston and Ablett are included in a squad of 15.

Luton Town (7) v Chelsea (15)
Luton are likely to be unchanged though Harford could be rested. Hill is still absent with a knee ligament injury. McNaught continues in place of Bumstead, still bothered by an Achilles injury. Jones stands by for Spackman, who has a groin strain.

Manchester City (19) v Oxford United (13)
Reck, of Oxford, takes over from Phillips who begins a two-match suspension. Leworthy has flu so Nogan, 17, is included in the squad for the first time. City wait on Clements (eye injury) and White (virus).

Newcastle United (21) v Coventry City (11)
Newcastle could be without Goddard, who has an ankle injury. Anderson and Bailey have had their injuries put into plaster. Davies, recalled from Carlisle, is set to play. Peake and McGrath have recovered from flu and could be availabale for Coventry.

Norwich City (6) v Charlton Athletic (18)
Charlton, still without Johns and Lee, have a doubt about Curbishley (thigh strain). Thompson is fit after a knee injury and Gritt is drafted into the squad. Norwich field the same side for the sixth consecutive game.

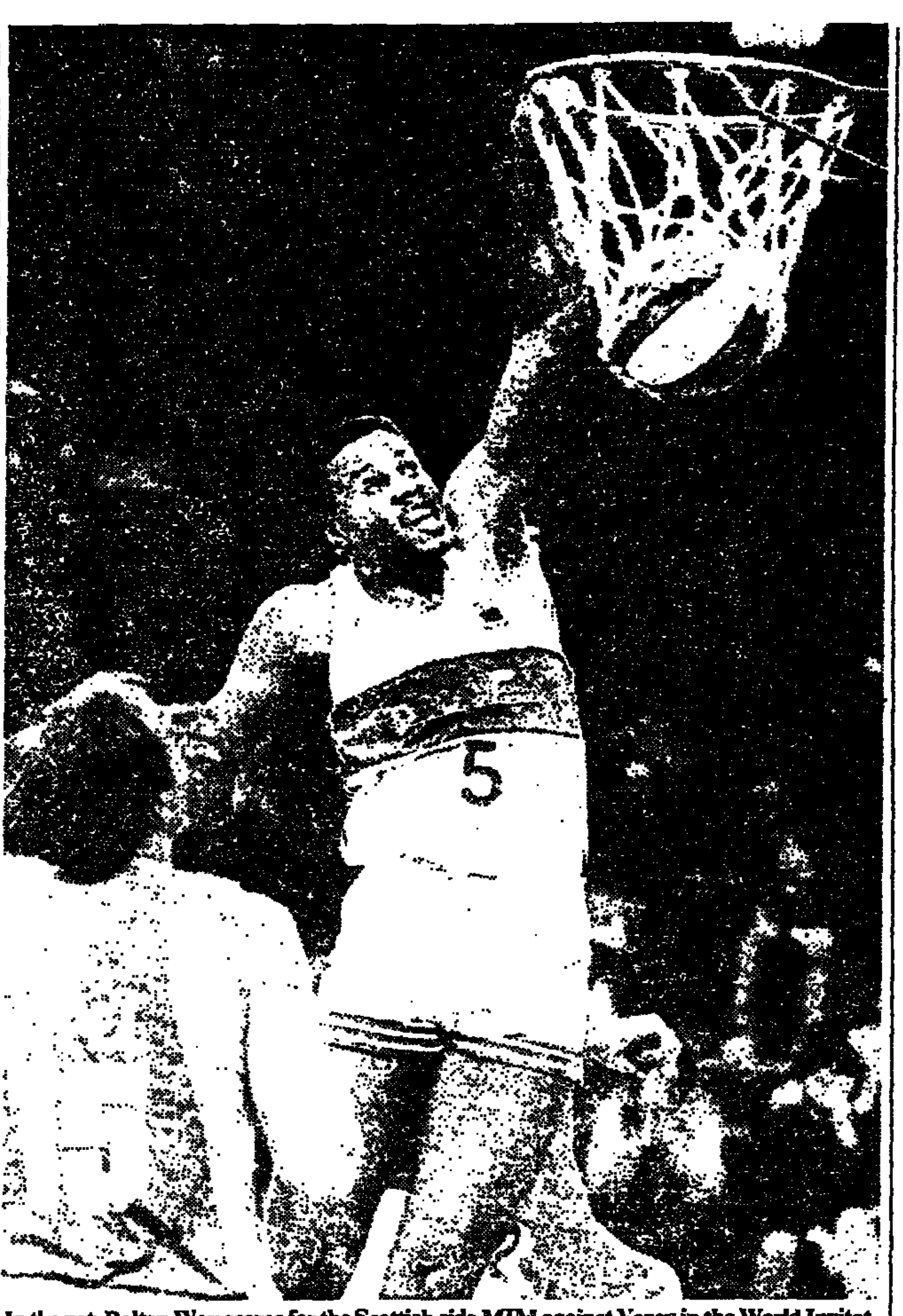
Queen's Park Rangers (15) v Everton (2)
Fenwick returns from suspension for Rangers but Bannister is still ruled out by a rib injury. Walker may start. Mimms is recalled from Sunderland because of a knee injury to Southall. Power is also doubtful and Everton include Mountfield, Langley and Adams in a squad of 17. Sharp returns from suspension.

Southampton (17) v Manchester United (17)
United report eight injuries and include three more youngsters, Hanrahan, Gill and Russell, in a squad of 16. Moran should play. Case starts a two-match suspension for Southampton but Cockerill is fit after limping off at Oxford. Holmes, who has played only four times this season, and Forrest, who was sent off on New Year's Day, are included in the squad.

Wimbledon (12) v Watford (9)
Wimbledon will give Tracey, 19, his debut if Beasant does not recover from a leg injury. Also requiring late tests are Sanchez (neck), Downs (flu) and Hodges (knee). Cork, Jones and Gage are in the squad. Watford defer selection.

Tomorrow

Tottenham Hotspur (5) v Arsenal (1)
Hodge is very doubtful with a rib injury for Tottenham who hope to have Mitchell Thomas back after an ankle injury. Paul Allen has recovered from concussion. Ardiles has been added to the squad which includes Miller. Arsenal are expected to be unchanged.
(Figures in parentheses indicate league positions).



In the net: Ralton Way scores for the Scottish side MIM against Vevey in the World Invitation Club Basketball championships yesterday. Report, Page 38. (Photo: Hugh Routledge)

SQUASH RACKETS

Juniors under siege

By Colin McQuillan

Early encounters in the British Under-19 Open championships at Lambs Club, in the City of London, suggest that the current impressive squad of English juniors will dominate the latter stages of competition, but that future years could provide a very different story.

Squash is alive and flourishing around the world. The Australians, who won the Junior World Team title last year, have not made the expensive trip to London this time. Neither have the Pakistanis who include the junior world champion, Jansher Khan, among their number.

But half the field at Lambs Club hales from beyond the shores of Britain. Ahmed Tahir, the extraordinarily youthful Egyption national champion, and Jochen Arndt, ranked third among German seniors, are good enough to be seeded this year. Players from 10 nations as far afield as Finland and Zimbabwe showed promise enough to indicate greater top eight presence in the future.

Tahir tidied away Darren Thompson of Canada in half an hour. He is the latest in a long line of Egyptian skill. More fascinating still was the elegant performance of Carsten Vinter, a Danish 15-year-old playing at Lambs Club only because national finances would not stretch to his entry in the British Under-16 Open playing concurrently in Durham.

Denmark boasts 50 courts in 17 clubs. Vinter plays for Herlev in Copenhagen. Peter Gerlow won the Drysdale Cup for Denmark from a far smaller base in 1960 and 1961. Vinter lost 5-9 in the fifth to Richard Kerpner of Avon yesterday but there are serious hopes of Vinter leading a developing group towards the same achievement sometime soon.

Similar ambitions plainly exist in each of the other nine non-British squads at Lambs this weekend.

SKIING

Opportunity for new stars at freestyle

The absence in the United States of Britain's two top freestylers, Jilly Curry and Robin Wallace, will allow the selectors to concentrate on watching the new talent when the national freestyle skiing championships start in Saalbach, Austria, today

Miss Curry, sixth in the combined at last year's world championships, and Wallace, are taking part in the World Cup tour, the clash not being of British making. The Austrians had the say over the Saalbach date since their championships, and the Dutch, are being combined with the British.

The ballet title will be decided today, the aerials tomorrow, and the moguls on Monday. Europa Cup squad members on show will include Barbara Sinclair Lynn Niven Rachel Lathaem and Nicola Forrest and among the men Julian Aitken-Smith Stephen Horrocks and Jeremy Compton.

ATHLETICS

Cram has chance to join Ovett in showing versatility

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Steve Cram could increase his already considerable prestige by adding an international cross-country victory to his numerous track gold medals tomorrow in Belfast. There are very few world class middle distance runners who can also encompass being a top cross-country runner.

Steve Ovett, a former double winner of this Mallusk international is one of the most notable exceptions, but Cram can emulate Ovett on the country as he has done on the track in today's 8 km event, sponsored by Brooks.

The race is not overloaded with top opposition and Roger Hackney, last year's winner on a rain-swept quagmire, may find that the much faster conditions today, with the wind drying recent rain on the flat course, will be better suited to the long-striding Cram.

The world mile record-holder is an opportune late entry in the race, where he finished third in 1982. When Steve Jones, the marathon expert, dropped out with an injury four days ago, the organizers phoned Cram to discover that his Jarrow club had been refused a late entry to next Saturday's Northern championships, which he won last year. Cram was then only too happy to find a substitute event as his last race before flying off to Australia on January 14 to take part in a sports festival which is being mounted in Perth in tandem with the America's Cup yachting.

Cram admitted yesterday that he is much fitter at this point in the year than he has been in several seasons, having avoided major injuries in the last four months. Erik de Beck, the 1974 world cross-country champion from Belgium, is also competing this afternoon. But he could only finish 12th in Gateshead six weeks ago when Cram finished seventh after a muscle pull in the last two kilometres had caused him to slow down and drop from third place.

In the men's team race, the Northern Ireland trio of Dess McNeilly, Terry Greene, and Peter McColgan, are the strongest there for years and could threaten England and Ireland in the team race.

Liz Lynch is as likely a winner of the women's 5 km event as she was in Gateshead and last Sunday's Zurich road race, where she again led from the start and beat Yvonne Murray, her Scottish colleague, by a 100 m. Lynch has been maintaining track training for the past few months since winning the Commonwealth 10,000 m, and has been surprised, she says, that her races have not been suffering for lack of distance work. It is to be hoped that the sharpness that she has now will not be lost by the time the world championship, her winter objective, comes round, in Warsaw on March 22. Chris Benning, who won the New Year's Eve race in Mountain Ash, and Mary Donohue are likely to finish closest to Lynch.

CRICKET

Kirsten flays thin Australian attack

From Ivo Tennant, Cape Town

In the Cape, yesterday as well as New Year's Day was a public holiday, which suited the South African Cricket Union and spectators alike. Capetonians flocked to see Kirsten, whose father was Newlands groundsman, and Pollock flay the unofficial Australians. South Africa were in an impregnable position by the close.

Kirsten's 173, scored in 419 minutes with 26 fours, was the 43rd hundred of his career. Now 31, he is coming through a lean patch and would fancy another tilt at county cricket. He is awaiting offers.

Clarke gave him problems when the unofficial West Indians were here, and, after he left Derbyshire, he suffered rather than benefitted from not playing cricket all year round. On account of the anti-South Africa views of their committee, Derbyshire would probably not have him back, but a few more scores like this might interest another county.

Missed a couple of times, Kirsten shared century partnerships with Whitfield, who made 77, and Pollock, who scored 66. The hope here is that Pollock will be chosen for MCC's bicentenary match against the Rest of the World next summer, but even Joe Pamensky, the trenchant president of the SACU, admits it is a vain hope. West Indies and others would not allow it.

An appetite for Rand as well as runs has kept Pollock in the game, yet at 42 he still need only lean on the ball to send it to the boundary. When Rackemann took the new ball, Pollock despatched him for three successive fours. Of his 66, 54 came in boundaries.

There were runs for the taking for anyone who could bat a bit, so well did the pitch play. Rice also made a half century. The Australians must be ruing leaving out Alderman, who apparently is at odds with Hughes, his captain. A four-man attack was never likely to be sufficient.

Hohns maintained a tidy length with his leg-breaks and was rewarded with a couple of wickets. However, Kirsten and Pollock were taking to him towards the end of their stand of 111 in 131 minutes.

The police maintained a heavy presence for much of the day, possibly to keep spectators off the ground rather than anything else. Having achieved that, they then disappeared at close of play and schoolchildren and vast bronzed Afrikaners promptly swarmed all over the pitch.

SOUTH AFRICA: First innings

S J Cook c Rixon b McCurdy	6
B J Whitfield st Rixon b Hohns	77
P N Kirsten c Hughes b Hohns	173
R G Pollock c sub b Maguire	66
*C E B Rice not out	65
K A McKenzie c Rixon b Maguire	24
B M McMillan not out	11
Extras (b 5, lb 4, w 1, nb 4)	14
Total (for 5 wkts)	437

A J Kourie, †D J Richardson, G S le Roux and H A Page to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-177, 3-288, 4-341, 5-407.

BOWLING (to date): McCurdy 35-7-108-1; Rackemann 28-7-113-0; Maguire 39-7-92-2; Hohns 39-6-115-2.

AUSTRALIAN XI: S B Smith, J Dyson, K C Wessels, *K J Hughes, M D Taylor, M D Haysman, T V Hohns, †S J Rixon, J N Maguire, R J McCurdy and C G Rackemann.

Grayshon talks

Oldham Rugby League Club have been given permission to hold transfer talks with Jeff Grayshon, the Leeds veteran prop forward.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL, RUGBY UNION AND OTHER SPORTS FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

First division
A Villa v Nottm F
Leicester v Sheffield Wed
Liverpool v West Ham
Luton v Chelsea
Manchester C v Oxford
Newcastle v Coventry
Norwich v Charlton
QPR v Everton
Southampton v Manchester Utd
Wimbledon v Watford

Scottish premier division
Celtic v Hamilton
Dundee v Dundee Utd
Falkirk v Hibernian
Hearts v Clydebank
Motherwell v Rangers
St Mirren v Aberdeen

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE (2.15): Ards v Glenavon; Ballymena v Glentoran; Carrick v Distillery; Crusaders v Cliftonville; Linfield v Larne (3.0); Newry v Bangor; Portadown v Coleraine.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Arsenal v Brighton; Chelsea v Reading (3.15); Ipswich v Tottenham (2.0); Oxford v Norwich; Portsmouth v Luton (2.30); Watford v Bristol Rovers. **Postponed:** West Ham v Southampton.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Bangor v Worksop; Barrow v Burton; Chorley v Buxton; Gainsborough v Horwich; Goole v South Liverpool; Hyde v Workington; Matlock v Caernarfon; Morecambe v Oswestry; Rhyl v Mossley; Southport v Macclesfield, Witton v Marine.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division. Alvechurch v Witney; Aylesbury v Bedworth; Basingstoke v Bromsgrove; Cambridge City v Folkestone; Corby v Chelmsford; Crawley v Dudley; Dartford v Salisbury; Fareham v Redditch; Shepshed v Fisher; Willenhall v King's Lynn; Worcester v Gosport. Midland divison: Banbury v Moor Green, Coventry Sporting v Leicester United: Forest Green v Mile Oak; Grantham v Bilston; Hednesford v Buckingham; Merthyr Tydfil v Bridgnorth; Rushden v Gloucester; Stourbridge v Leamington, Sutton Coldfield v Halesowen; VS Rugby v Wellingborough. Southern division: Ashford v Trowbridge; Dorchester v Waterlooville; Dover v Corinthian; Erith and Belvedere v Gravesend and Northfleet; Hastings v Andover; Poole v Tonbridge; Ruislip v Canterbury; Sheppey v Burnham and Hillingdon; Woodford v Chatham.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Worthing; Bromley v Hitchin; Croydon v Wycombe; Hayes v Carshalton; Hendon v Yeovil; Kingstonian v Harrow; St Albans v Dulwich; Walthamstow v Slough (at Slough FC); Windsor and Eton v Tooting and Mitcham; Wokingham v Barking. First division: Billericay v Hampton; Boreham Wood v Staines; Grays v Uxbridge (3.30); Leatherhead v Stevenage, Lewes v Bracknell; Leyton Wingate v Southwick; Maidenhead United v Leytonstone Ilford; Oxford City v Tilbury; Walton and Hersham v Finchley; Wembley v Epsom and Ewell. Second division north: Aveley v Ware; Chesham v Wivenhoe; Clapton v Wolverton; Haringey v Letchworth GC; Harlow v Barton; Hertford v Rainham (3.30); Heybridge v Tring; Hornchurch v Royston; Saffron Walden v Hemel Hempstead; Vauxhall Motors v Collier Row. Second division south: Camberley v Ruislip Manor; Dorking v Hungerford; Egham v Feltham; Harefield v Petersfield; Horsham v Chalfont St Peter; Newbury v Banstead; Southall v Eastbourne United; Whyteleafe v Flackwell Heath.

BERKS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP: First round: Second replay: Winslow v Wallingford. Second round: Abingdon United v Abingdon Town (2.0).

GLOUCESTERSHIRE SENIOR TROPHY (2.0): Third round: Moreton v Hanbrook; Sharpness v Shortwood.

HANTS SENIOR CUP (2.0): Second round: Farnborough v Newport (IOW). Third round: Andover v Horndean; Bashley v Fareham; Road Sea v Eastleigh.

WILTSHIRE SENIOR CUP (2.0): Second round: Park v Highworth, Penhill v Pewsey Vale.

Second division
Barnsley v Oldham
Blackburn v Portsmouth
Bradford v Birmingham
C Palace v Derby
Grimsby v Brighton
Leeds v Huddersfield
Millwall v Stoke
Plymouth v Hull
Reading v Sunderland P
Sheffield Utd v WBA
Shrewsbury v Ipswich

Scottish first division
Airdrie v Partick (1.30)
Clyde v Montrose
Dumbarton v Brechin (2.0)
E Fife v Morton
Forfar v Queen of Sth
Kilmarnock v Dunfermline

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE (11.0): First division: Cambridge United v QPR; Fulham v Tottenham; Gillingham v Orient; Norwich v Arsenal; Portsmouth v Charlton; Watford v Southend; West Ham v Ipswich. Second division: Brighton v Brentford; Colchester v Swindon; Northampton v Southend; Reading v Crystal Palace; Southampton v Bournemouth; Tottenham v Bristol Rovers; Wimbledon v Oxford Utd.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple v Melksham (2.30); Bideford v Radstock; Bristol City v Exmouth; Chard v Torrington; Dawlish v Saltash (2.30); Minehead v Liskeard; Paulton v Chippenham; Weston-super-Mare v Clandown.

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE (2.30): Premier division: Bicester v Fairford; Hounslow v Pegasus; Morris Motors v Wallingford; Viking v Rayners Lane; Thame v Supermarine; Wantage v Yate.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Chatteris v Bury; Gorleston v Watton; Harwich and Parkeston v Braintree; Haverhill v Great Yarmouth; Histon v March; Lowestoft v Thetford; Soham v Felixstowe; Stowmarket v Clacton; Sudbury v Brantham; Tiptree v Colchester United; Wisbech v Newmarket.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Accrington Stanley v Kirkby; Bootle v Clitheroe; Congleton v Leyland Motors; Eastwood Hanley v Fleetwood; Irlam v Penrith; Radcliffe v Leek; Rossendale v Netherfield.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE (2.0): Barkingside v Hanwell; Beckton v Amersham; Corinthian Casuals v Southgate (3.0); Danson v Pennant; Edgware v Brimsdown (3.0); Northwood v Crown and Manor (3.0); Redhill v Yeading (3.0); Waltham Abbey v Ulysses.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton v Armthorpe; Bridlington v Brigg; Denaby v Bentley Victoria; Emley v Thackley; Farsley v Bridlington Trinity; Guiseley v Harrogate; Long Eaton v Belper; North Ferriby v Boston.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE (2.0): Concours Trophy: Second round: BAe (Weybridge) v Chipstead. Premier division: Ash v Hartley Wintney; Chobham v Cranleigh; Cobham v Frimley Green; Farnham v Virginia Water; Horley v Godalming (3.0); Merstham v Farleigh; Westfield v Malden Town.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ampthill v Bourne; Arlesey v Brackley; Baldock v Kempston; Desborough v Long Buckby; Holbeach v Raunds; Irthlingborough v Eynesbury; Potton v Rothwell; Stamford v Spalding; S and L Corby v St Neots; Wootton v Northampton Spencer.

SUSSEX RUR CHARITY CUP (2.0): Third round: Arundel v Whitehawk; Eastbourne Town v Sidley; Lancing v Haywards Heath (3.0); Portfield v Pagham.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE (2.0). First division: Chichester v Three Bridges; Hailsham v Horsham YMCA; Midhurst and Easebourne v Burgess Hill; Peacehaven and Telscombe v Littlehampton; Wick v Storrington (3.0).

Third division
Blackpool v Brentford
Bolton v Mansfield
Bristol R v Chester P
Chesterfield v Bournemouth
Fulham v Carlisle
Middlesbrough v Newport
Notts Co v Gillingham
Rotherham v Bristol C
Swindon v Bury
Walsall v York P
Wigan v Darlington

Scottish second division
Arbroath v Albion
Berwick v Ayr
Cowdenbeath v St Johnstne
Queen's Park v Meadowbank
Stenhsmuir v Alloa
Stirling v Raith
Stranraer v E Stirling

ESSEX LEAGUE: Senior Section: Bowers v East Ham; Brightlingsea v Stansted; Chelmsford v Canvey Island; East Thurrock v Witham; Eton Manor v Burnham Ramblers; Halstead v Ford; Maldon v Purfleet; Sawbridgeworth v Brentwood.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Bournemouth v Totton; Portsmouth RN v Portals; Romsey v Lymington; Sholing v Thatcham; Steyning v Havant; Wellworthy v Brockenhurst.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington v Blyth; Chester Le Street v Consett; Easington v Ferryhill; Gretna v Tow Law; Newcastle Blue Star v Whitley Bay; North Shields v South Bank; Whitby v Spennymoor.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Chigwellians v Old Ardinians; Old Cholmeleians v Old Reptonians; Lancing Old Boys v Old Etonians; Old Malvernians v Old Carthusians. First division: Old Bradfieldians v Old Salopians; Old Harrovians v Old Wellingburians; Old Westminsters v Old Aldenhamians.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE (2.15): Premier division: Richmond v Bromley. League: Dulwich v Maidenhead (2.30); Hounslow v Cheam; O Kingstonian v Beckenham; Reading v Purley; Southgate v St Albans; Surbiton v Spencer; Weybridge Hawks v Teddington; Wimbledon v Hampstead.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ford v Ipswich.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Middlesex/Berks, Bucks and Oxon: Hayes v Aylesbury.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Stockport; Cheadle v Boardman and Eccles; Mellor v Old Stopfordians; Old Hulmeians v Sale; Old Waconians v Heaton Mersey.

BRINE SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Enfield v Hampstead; Kenton v Hillcroft; Chipstead v Buckhurst Hill.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Sussex championships (at Littlehampton); Yorkshire championships (at York).

BASKETBALL: World invitation club championships (at Crystal Palace NSC, 9.30am). National League: Carlsberg first division men (8.0): Birmingham Bullets v Calderdale Explorers; Homespare Bolton and Bury v Draper Tools Solent Stars; BPCC Rams Derby v Team Polycell Kingston; Reg Vardy Sunderland v Sharp Manchester United (7.30). Second division men: TF Group Cleveland v Swindon Rakers; Just Rentals Rhondda v Lambeth Topcats; Team Walsall v Oldham Celtics. First division women: Chamos Swifts Derby v Team Polycell Kingston (6.0).

DARTS: MFI British Open (at Rainbow Suite, Kensington, 8.30am).

HANDBALL: British League: Tryst '77 v Wakefield (3.0).

RACKETS: Open Under 24 singles and doubles championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington)

Fourth division
Cardiff v Stockport
Colchester v Scunthorpe
Crewe v Tranmere
Exeter v Northampton
Hartlepool v Swansea
Hereford v Torquay
Lincoln v Burnley
Orient v Halifax
Rochdale v Aldershot
Southend v Preston
Wrexham v Wolves

GM Vauxhall Conference
Altrincham v K'minster
Barnet v Northwich
Boston v Welling
Cheltenham v Sutton U
Dagenham v Stafford
Kettering v Gateshead
Maidstone v Bath P
Nuneaton v Weymouth
Runcorn v Enfield
Scarboro v Telford
Wealdstone v Frickley

REAL TENNIS: Scottish amateur singles and doubles championships (at Troon).

SKIING: English and Welsh Universities alpine championships (at Alpe d'Huez, France); British free-style championships (at Saalbach, Austria).

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic (at Blackpool); Strachan West of England open tournament (at Plymouth).

SQUASH RACKETS: Natwest British Junior Open (at Durham, 10.0); Natwest Under 19 Open, Drysdale Cup (Lamb's SC, London, EC1); Abbey National Women's British open junior championships (at Gloucester); West Sussex open tournament (West Worthing SC).

TENNIS: Junior covered court championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

VOLLEYBALL: Royal Bank National League (7.30): First division men: Colchester v Speedwell Rucanor (4.25); Newcastle (Staffs) I v Liverpool City; OBC Poole v Polonia (5.30); Portsmouth Heatseal v Capital City.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

3.0 unless stated

First division
Tottenham v Arsenal (3.05)

Third division
Port Vale v Doncaster

Fourth division
Peterboro v Cambridge Utd (11.30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: World invitation club championships (at Crystal Palace NSC, 9.30am). National League: First division women: Nottingham Wildcats v Lambeth Lady Topcats (3.30).

HANDBALL: British League: Wakefield v Kirkby Select (2.0); Leicester '73 v Olympia Cannock (3.0)

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VOLLEYBALL: Royal Bank National League: First division men: Newcastle (Staffs) I v Redwood Lodge (2.30); OBC Poole v Spark Crook Log (1.30).

TABLE TENNIS

Disappointed Douglas

From a Special Correspondent, Basle

Desmond Douglas's chances of making another major assault upon the European Top Twelve title, took an early knock when he was beaten 21-16, 21-14, 21-11, by Andrzej Grubba.

Curiously, Douglas recently beat Grubba to win the Pondus invitation in Copenhagen and was especially disappointed as earlier he had shown bewildering fluency against Carl Prean, winning 21-17, 21-5, 21-10. On this evidence, the teenager from the Isle of Wight is still some way from his ambition of beating England's greatest player.

Prean, however, soon underwent a metamorphosis. He trailed Zsolt Kriston, a member of Hungary's 1984 European title-winning squad, 2-1, fought back, only to find himself facing three match points. Prean saved those with three rousing forehands and won the tie-break.

FOR THE RECORD

RACKETS

QUEENS: The Swallow Trophy: second round: S Davies (walkover) J S Male (opponent scratched). Dick bt H Ford, 15-1, 15-4, 15-1; May bt E Popplewell, 15-10, 15-6, 15-11; J Fenaley bt J Warren, 15-0, 15-6, 15-0; Smith bt T Cockroft, 15-0, 17-14, 15-8. Quarter-finals: Dick bt Davies, 15-8, 15-12, 15-9; May bt Bristowe, 15-6, 15-7, 16-17, 15-5; Smith bt D Mallinson, 15-6, 15-5, 15-6. DOUBLES: Second-round: Parsons and Smith bt M Brooks and Fenaley, 15-11, 15-3, 17-14; Brake and May bt Dick and Dews, 15-2, 15-3, 15-6.

ATHLETICS

CRANLEIGH: Road race (6 miles): 1, R Keeney (Aldershot), 30min 44sec; 2, K Holmes (Fleet and Crookham), 31.20; 3, D Morris (Box Hill Racers), 31.41. Veteran: M Duff (Aldershot) 31.45. Team: 1, Aldershot, 21pts; 2, Horsham Blue Star, 57; 3, Box Hill Racers, 58. Women: 1, A Hoddinott (Hounslow), 34.51 (course record); 2, C Duncan (Aldershot), 36.27; 3, E Isaac (Arena 80), 37 08. Team: 1, Arena 80, 16pts.

CITY OF LONDON: Road race (10 miles): 1, P Bettridge (Havering), 50min 08sec; 2, Benjamin (unattached), 52.28; 3, D MacDiarmid (Shaftesbury/Barnet), 53.52. Veteran: L O'Hara (Belgrave), 54.55. Team: 1, Belgrave 2-48.09; 2, Havering 2-49.42; 3, Stansfield 2-53.41. Women: 1, T Ball (Wessex RR), 58.16; 2, L Watson (London Olympiads), 60.02; 3, A Cooper (Shaftesbury/Barnet), 61 05.

BASKETBALL

CRYSTAL PALACE: World invitation club championships (WICB): Men's second round: Unimep Sao Paulo (Brazil) 129, BCP London 76; DBS Vienna (Austria) 81, Leverkusen (WG), 60. Junior men's group: NatWest (Eng) 69, BCP London (Eng) 60; Solna (Swe) 69, Kingston 50; MIM Livingstone (Sco) 72, Portsmouth 26; Continentale (Br) 78, NatWest (Eng) 42; Kingston (Eng) 115, BCP London 34 (Eng); Manchester United 56, Lambert 55; Leverkusen (WG) 52, Murray International 47; Continental Sao Paulo 71, Solna (Swe), 65.

New York: National Association (only game scheduled): Los Angeles Lakers 140, Portland Trail Blazers 104.

TENNIS

ADELAIDE: South Australian Open: Men's singles: Quarter-final: Bill Scanlon (US) bt G Michibata (Can), 7-6, 7-5; W Masur (Aus), bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-2, 6-4; M Schapers (Neth), bt J Fitzgerald Aus), 7-5, 6-4; N Odizor (Nigeria), bt R Krishnan (India), 6-3, 6-2.

CYCLING

COLOGNE: Six-day race: Fourth night leaders: 1, D Thurau (WG) and R Pijnen (Neth) 80 pts; One lap behind: 2, J Kristen (WG) and R Hermann (Liech) 102; 3, S Tourne and E de Wilde (Bel) 85; Three laps: 4, U Bolten (WG) and P Bincoletto (It) 76; 5, G Frank and M Marcussen (Den) 85; Seven laps: 6, H Rinklin and J Schlaphoff (WG) 112; Nine laps: 7, M Vaarten (BEL) and G Knetemann (Neth) 40; Ten laps: 8, G Braun (WG) and T Sawyer (Aus) 23; Twelve laps: 9, V Diehl (WG) and S Hermann (Liech) 42; Eighteen laps: 10, W Betz and D Grebken (WG) 48.

ICE HOCKEY

NEW YORK: National League (only game scheduled):
Washington Capitals 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 3.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: World junior championships: Topolcany: Czechoslovakia 9, Poland 2; Trencin: Finland 12, Switzerland 1; Piestany: Canada 6, United States 2.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: Colleges: Citrus Bowl (Orlando, Florida): Auburn University 16, University of Southern California 7; Cotton Bowl (Dallas): Ohio State University 28, Texas A and M 12; Orange Bowl (Miami): University of Oklahoma 42, University of Arkansas 8; Sugar Bowl (New Orleans): University of Nebraska 30, Louisiana State University 15; Rose Bowl (Pasadena, California): Arizona State University 22, University of Michigan 15.

RUGBY UNION

Club Matches: Glasgow High Kelvinside 15, Melrose 30; Kirkcaldy 17, Stirling County 38; Linlithgow 31, Livingston 0.

REAL TENNIS

George Wimpey Eric Angus cup: (under 24 open singles): J Snow bt A Phillips, 6-1, 6-1; I Snell bt A Page, 3-6, 6-5, 6-5; W Fairbarns bt D Dick, 6-0, 6-0; G Parsons bt R Pearce, 6-3, 6-1; C Bray bt G Wharton, 6-1, 6-2; N Smith bt W Bristowe, 6-1, 6-2; P Brake bt A Davis, 6-1, 6-2; M Gooding bt M Lacy, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Quarter-finals: Snow bt Snell, 6-3, 6-1; Smith bt Bray, 5-6, 6-3, 6-3; Brake bt Gooding, 6-5, 5-6, 6-3. The Stephens-Taylour Trophy: Doubles: Second-Round: Snow and Gooding bt Lacy and R Moyle, 6-0, 6-0; Page and Fairbarns bt Phillips and J Jee, 6-3, 6-0.

SNOW REPORTS

Cairngorm: upper runs, complete new snow on a firm base; middle runs, complete, but narrow new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,600ft; snow level, 2,200ft; hill roads, clear, main roads, clear. Glenshee: upper and middle runs, complete, but narrow new snow on a firm base; lower slopes: runs complete, but narrow new snow drifting; vertical runs, 800ft; snow level, 1,000ft; hill roads, slight snow, main roads, slight snow. Glencoe (weekends only): upper runs, complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, runs complete, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 1,600ft; snow level, 1,000ft; hill road clear, main roads clear. Lecht: upper and middle runs, complete, wide snow cover, new snow on a firm base; lower slopes, ample nursery areas, new snow on a firm base; vertical runs, 700ft; snow level, 2,000ft; hill roads, clear, main roads, clear. Forecast for skiing areas for today: dry with long sunny periods, temperatures a little below normal after moderate to severe frost; wind, light and variable in direction. Outlook for tomorrow: cloudy with periods of rain which may be preceded by sleet or snow, heavy at times; a little less cold, strong southerly winds.

● Information from the Scottish Meteorological Office.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

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SATURDAY

BBC1 WALES 5.15-5.20pm Sports News SCOTLAND 5.15-5.20pm News and Sport NORTHERN IRELAND 4.55-5.05pm Northern Ireland Results (part of Grandstand) 5.15-5.20 News 12.55-1.00am News Headlines and Weather; Close ENGLAND 5.15-5.20pm South & East (London) — Sport, South & West (Plymouth) — Spotlight Sport and News. All other English regions — Regional News and Sport.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Scarecrow and Mrs King 12.15am Shepherd's Pie, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Knight Rider 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Bionic Woman 12.15am Central Jobfinder 1.15 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Fall Guy 12.15am Frank Zappa: Does Humour Belong in Music? 1.20 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Magnum 12.15am Reflections 12.20 Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 UFO 12.15am Film: And the Wall Came Tumbling Down 1.40 Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Knight Rider 12.15am Saturday Night Music 1.15 Closedown. HTV WALES No variation

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Hart to Hart 12.15am Late Call 12.20 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Fall Guy 12.15am Frank Zappa: Does Humour Belong in Music? 1.20 Company, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm Fisheries news 1.35 Survival 2.05-2.15 Cartoon 5.05 Newsport 5.10-5.35 Blockbusters 12.15am Diggance at Work 12.45 Postscript, close.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Bionic Woman 12.15am Keys for the New Year 12.25 Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 UFO 4.56-5.00 Sports Results 12.15am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm-2.15 Tucker's Witch 12.15am Live from Wiebski's 12.45-6.00 Music Box.

S4C 9.25am Film: Smiley 12.25 Film: The Blue Bird* (Shirley Temple) 1.55 Queen 3.25 Quest for Beauty 4.55 Great Dorset Steam 5.40 Anne of Green Gables 7.30 Newyddion 7.50 Sion a Sian 8.20 Bwrlwm Bro 9.20 Y Maes Chwarae 10.30 Soap 11.00 Big Mix 12.30am Closedown.

SUNDAY

BBC1 WALES 12.35-12.58pm Farming in Wales 11.40-1.45 News of Wales Headlines and Weather; Close. SCOTLAND 12.35-12.58pm Landward 3.00-4.00 On the Piste 4.00-5.10 Sportscene 1986. 11.40-11.45 Scottish News and Weather; Close. NORTHERN IRELAND 11.40-11.45 Northern Ireland News Headlines and Weather; Close.

ANGLIA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 12.30pm A Place for the People: Sandringham 1.00 Beverly Hillbillies* 1.25 Weather 1.30-2.00 Farming Diary 12.45am Walking in the Light, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Diary 1.30pm-2.00 Link 4.15 Curling 5.30-6.00 Look Who's Talking 12.15am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 12.30pm Contrasts 1.00 Link 1.30-2.00 Here and Now 12.15am Jobfinder 1.15 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Starting Point 1.30pm-2.00 Nature of Things 12.15am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 11.00 Church Service 11.30-12.00 Personal View 1.30pm-2.00 Profits of Southampton 4.15 Benson 4.45 Smurfs 5.00 Bullseye 5.30-6.30 Scotsport 12.15am Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Max the Mouse 12.30pm Munsters* 1.00 Cartoon 1.05 Aap Kaa Hak 1.10 Wish You Were Here 1.40-2.00 This is Your Right 6.00-6.30 Candid Camera 12.15am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Max the Mouse 12.15am Closedown. HTV WALES No variation

SCOTTISH As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Peter's Adventures 11.00 Sunday Service 11.25 Survival 11.50-12.00 Canadian Documentary 1.30pm Smurfs 2.00-2.30 Let the Children Sing 4.15 Race Round Britain 5.00 Bullseye 5.30-6.30 Scotsport 12.15am Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Look and See 12.30pm Kids and Other People 1.00 South West Week 1.30-2.00 Farming News 12.15am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Employment Action! 1.30pm-2.00 Nature of Things 12.15am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Hello Sunday 12.30pm Short Story Theatre 1.00-1.30 Farming Outlook 12.15am Keys for the New Year, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm Last Frontier 1.00 Link 1.30-2.00 Farming Ulster 12.15am Sports Results 12.20 News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Cartoon 12.30pm Smurfs 1.00 Link 1.25-2.00 Farming Diary 12.15am Five Minutes, Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.20am Hafoc Trevor 10.05 Santa's Pocket Watch 10.30 The Snowman 11.00 Worzel Gummidge 11.30 Waltons 12.30 Swank — the Scrap Book 2.00 World of Animation 2.15 Film: Secret Garden* 4.00 Callas Sings Tosca 5.00 Nightmail 5.05 American Football 7.15 Rebecca 7.20 Newyddion 7.30 Alad 8.00 Pobol Y Cwm 8.30 Dechrau Canu Dechrau Canmol 9.00 Rhaglen Hywel Gwynfryn 9.35 Taula Mewn Tywyllwch 10.35 Film: Winchester '73 12.20am Closedown.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

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SATURDAY

CHOICE

● Jazz, nearly seven hours of it in one form or another, eats up most of BBC2's schedules tonight to launch the channel's week of jazz. Something old and something new – a re-showing of the 1967 **Jazz at the Philharmonic** (approximately 7.30pm), a 1986 concert by **Loose Tubes** (8.20), last year's final of the Young Band of the Year competition at Heaven, in London (9.15), **The Charlie Watts Orchestra** at Ronnie Scott's (11.00), and Stellan Olsson's **Sven Klang's Quintet** (12.00 midnight),a Swedish-made movie which connoisseurs insist is the best jazz film ever made.

● Best of the day's other films: **All the President's Men** (BBC1, 10.40pm), a masterly dramatization of the Watergate sensation; **The Apartment** (BBC2, 3.30pm) with its scalpel-sharp screenplay (by Wilder and Diamond); and **Gypsy** (C4, 9.40am), with its glass-shattering performance by Rosalind Russell.

● Radio choice: Simon Callow heading a starry cast in **A Ballet in the Ballet** (Radio 4, 7.00pm).

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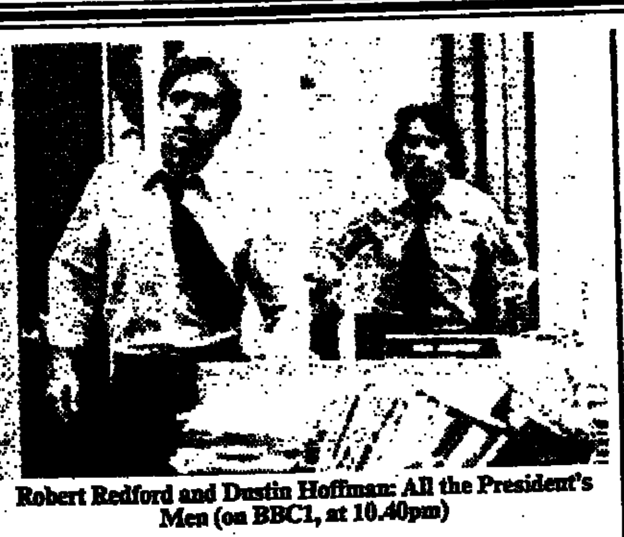

Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman: All the President's Men (on BBC1, at 10.40pm)

BBC 1

8.30 **The Hunter.** Cartoon. (r) 8.35 **The Muppet Babies.**
9.00 **Saturday SuperStore.** Among the customers are two Grange Hill pupils, Ant Jones and Imelda; and record producer Steve Levine.
12.15 **Grandstand** introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: (subject to alteration) 12.20 **Football Focus** with Bob Wilson; **12.45 News and weather; 1.10, 1.40 and 3.20 Motocross** from Hawkstone Park; **1.25, 1.55 and 2.25 Racing from Newbury; 2.10 and 2.40 Basketball:** the Carlsberg Tournament of Champions; **3.50 Half-times; 3.55 Cricket:** the Perth Challenge - England v West Indies; **4.35 Final score.**
5.05 **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather 5.15 Sport/Regional news
5.20 **Perfect Strangers.** The first of a new American comedy series.
5.45 **Jim'll Fix It.** Among those for whom Jim fixes it in this opening programme of a new series are 45 boys who wanted Samantha Fox to serve them breakfast. (Ceefax)
6.20 **Hi-de-Hi!** Yvonne and Barry, disgusted with Mr Partridge's drunken behaviour, start a petition to have him sacked. (r) (Ceefax)
6.50 **Bob's Full House.** Bingo quiz show presented by Bob Monkhouse. (Ceefax)
7.25 **The Paul Daniels Magic Show.** The guests are illusionist Hans Moretti; Dr Hot and Neon who juggle with banjos as they play them; and gymnasts, the Trio Zalewski. (Ceefax)
8.10 **Bergerac.** Jim Bergerac, the Jersey detective, begins a new series with an investigation into a man with amnesiawho is found wandering around the island naked. (Ceefax)
9.05 **Carrott Confidential.** Jasper Carrott with a new comedy series, live from Television Centre.
9.40 **News and sport.** With Jan Leeming. Weather.
9.55 **Cagney and Lacey.** The two lady police officers return to the 14th precinct and discover one of their colleagues is stealing heroin taken from drug raids. (Ceefax)
10.40 **Film: All the President's Men** (1976) starring Dustin Hoffman, Robert Redford, Jack Warden, and Jason Robarts. A political thriller about the build-up to President Nixon's resignation. Directed by Alan J Pakula.
12.55 **Weather.**

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax 10.45 Open University 12.40 Ceefax.**
1.25 **Film: Kiss Me Stupid*** (1964) starring Dean Martin and Kim Novak. Comedy about a womanizing pop singer. Directed by Billy Wilder.
3.30 **Film: The Apartment*** (1960) starring Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine, and Fred Macmurray. Baxter is an insignificant clerk in a large insurance company who sees his way to promotion by loaning out his apartment to his boss when he wants to meet his mistress. Directed by Billy Wilder.
5.30 **International Bridge Club.** Jeremy James presents coverage of the Canberra Cruise's World Bridge Trophy. Jeremey Flint analyses the play.
6.00 **Cricket: The Perth Challenge.** Highlights of England vWest Indies.
6.45 **NewsView** with Jan Leeming and Moira Stuart. Weather.
7.25 **Jazz Evening** presented by Russell Davies and Gail Thompson begins with **Jazz at the Philharmonic***. Part one of a concert recorded in London's Poplar Town Hall and first shown in November 1967. Among those appearing are Dizzy Gillespie, Louie Bellson, Benny Carter, Coleman Hawkins, T-Bone Walker, Teddy Wilson, and Zoot Sims.
8.20 **Loose Tubes.** The jazz orchestra in a concert recorded at the Bath International Festival last May.
9.15 **Jazz Sounds 86.** The final of the national young-band-of-the-year competition, introduced by John Walters. Featuring Q, from Wales; the Andy Spence Sextet, from the North; Mark II from the East; Itchy Fingers, from London; and the Andy Shepherd Quartet from the South West.
11.00 **The Charlie Watts Orchestra.** The Rolling Stones drummer with his 31-piece orchestra recorded at London's Fulham Town Hall.
12.00 **Film: Sven Klang's Quintet*** (1976) Set in 1958, the film tells the story of a car salesman running a small dance band in his spare time, and is based on the life story of Lars Gullin, a baritone saxophonist. Starring Anders Granstrom and Christer Boustedt. Directed by Stellan Olsson. In Swedish with English subtitles. Ends at 1.45.

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6.55 **TV-am** introduced by Mike Morris. Weather at 6.58 and news at 7.00.
7.30 **The Wide Awake Club** includes Caribbean dance from the Jazera Dancers.
9.25 **BMX Beat International.** The final of the Cherry Coca Cola Freestyle Championships. 9.50 **Walt Disney Presents.** Cartoons.
10.15 **Film: The Golden Voyage of Sinbad** (1973) starring John Philip Law, Caroline Munro, and Tom Baker. A Ray Harryhausen special effects film which allows the intrepid Sinbad to tackle any number of odd opponents. Directed by Gordon Hessler.
12.00 **News** with Trevor McDonald.
12.05 **Saint and Greavsie.** Ian and Jimmy review the week's football news. 12.30 **Wrestling.** Three bouts from a gala charity show held at the London Hippodrome.
1.20 **Chips.** The Highway Patrol officers are assigned to look after a rock star.
2.15 **Snooker and Darts.** Dean Reynolds and Barry West meet for a quarterfinal place in the Mercantile Credit Classic at Norbreck Castle, Blackpool; and the MFI British Open from the Rainbow Suite, Kensington, London.
4.45 **Results service.**
5.00 **News.**
5.05 **Blockbusters.**
5.35 **The A-Team.** The indefatigable quartet come to the assistance of a kidnapped heiress. (r)
6.30 **People Do the Funniest Things.** Jeremy Beadle with a catalogue of embarrassing out-takes.
7.00 **Film: Superman III** (1983) starring Christopher Reeve, Richard Pryor, and Pamela Stephenson. Superman battles with a megalomaniac tycoon who uses one of his employees' computer talents in a plan to corner the world coffee market; hold the oil industry to ransom; and to aid his search for green Kryptonite. Directed by Richard Lester.
9.30 **News** and sport.
9.45 **Clive James on Safari.** Mr James on a photographic safari in Kenya, accompanied by Dennis Zaphiro who escorted Hemingway during the mid-50s.
10.40 **LWT News** headlines followed by **Snooker.** Jimmy White and Steve Duggan meet for a place in the quarterfinal of the Mercantile Credit Classic.
12.15 **Glastonbury.** Highlights of a music festival. (r)
2.00 **Close.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Bow Bells.** To the sound of old music hall songs, a nostalgic journey through London.
9.40 **Film: Gypsy** (1962) starring Rosalind Russell. The story of an ambitious stage mother who wants to make vaudeville stars out of her two daughters. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy 12.15 **Isaura the Slave Girl.** (r) 12.55 **South Seas Voyage.** The Menuhins reach Papua. (r)
1.55 **Film: It's a Date*** (1940) starring Deanna Durbin and Walter Pidgeon. The talented daughter of a celebrated stage star faces a predicament when she is offered a part coveted by her mother. Directed by William A Seiter.
3.50 **Film: The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo*** (1935) starring Ronald Coleman and Joan Bennett. A romantic comedy about a man who breaks the bank at a casino and the woman who is hired to lure him back to the tables. Directed by Stephen Roberts.
5.05 **Brookside.** (r) (Oracle)
6.00 **Samson and Delilah.** A drama, based on a D.H.Lawrence short story, about a mystery man who arrives in a Cornish village in 1914. Starring Bernard Hill.
6.30 **The Great Australian Boat Race.** The elimination races for the America's Cup.
7.00 **News** summary and weather followed by **Night Mail.** The original 1936 film made by the GPO film unit tracing the journey of the Euston-to-Glasgow postal express, followed by an up-dated version made by TVS.
8.00 **Anne of Green Gables.** The second and final episode of the drama set in Canada at the turn of the century.
9.50 **The 2000 Year Old Man.** An animated history of the world.
10.00 **Hill Street Blues.** Furillo, demoted from the Hill, thinks about taking his first drink in seven years. (Oracle)
11.00 **Big Mix.** A celebration of music from Britain, Africa, America, and the Caribbean.
12.30 **The Twilight Zone: The Arrival*** When Flight 107 lands at the airport there is no sign of the crew, passengers or baggage. **Two*** Six years after a nuclear holocaust an American man meets a Russian woman. Ends at 1.25.

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour until 12.30pm, then 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 9.30, 12.00 midnight
6.00am Mark Page 8.00 Peter Powell 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 My Top Ten Special (Paul Simon talks to Andy Peebles) 3.00 The American Chart Show direct from New York (with Gary Byrd) 5.00 Saturday Live (Andy Kershaw) 6.30 In Concert featuring Steel Pulse 7.30 Simon Mayo 9.30-12.00 The Midnight Runners Show (with Dixie Peach). VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 1.00pm As Radio 1 7.30-4.00am As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour until 1.00pm, then 3.00, 6.00, 7.00 and hourly from 10.00. Sports Desks 11.02am, 12.02pm, 10.02. Cricket: England v West Indies from perth at 4.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 7.05, 8.05, 9.02, 10.02
4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Steve Truelove 8.05 David Jacobs 10.00 Sounds of the 60s 11.00 Album Time (Peter Clayton) 1.00pm Radio Active 1.30 Sport on 2. Includes Racing from Newbury; Cricket (Benson and Hedges Challenge), Yachting (America's Cup) and 5.00 Sports Report 6.00 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue 6.30 Look What They've Done to my Song (Steve Race celebrates the role of the arranger) 7.00 Beat the Record (Keith Fordyce) 7.30 The Romance of Vienna. Incl 8.20-8.40 interval. Mark Steyn on some reluctant composers and musical part-timers 9.30 String Sound (strings of BBC Radio Orchestra) 10.05 Martin Kelner 12.05am Night Owls (Dave Gelly) 1.00 Jean Challis presents Nightride 3.00-4.00 The

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 From The Weeklies 7.45 Network UK 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News 9.40 Look Ahead 9.45 About Britain 10.00 News 10.01 Here's Humph! 10.15 Letter From America 10.30 Yes Minister 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Great Organists Play Bach (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 3 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Country Style 2.00 News 2.01 Music Now 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Saturday Special 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Saturday Special 5.00 News 5.01 Saturday Special (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Jazz For The Asking 9.00 News 9.01 A Future for the Past 9.15 Sounds of the Sixties 9.30 Yes Minister 10.00 News 10.09 From our own Correspondent 10.30 New Ideas 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Nature Notebook 11.30 Anything Goes 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 From the Proms '86 1.00 News 1.01 Play of the Week: Schippel: A Plumber's Progress 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Double Divan 2.30 Album Time 3.00 News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 From our own Correspondent 3.30 Jazz Score 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Nashville Cats (until 4.45) 5.45 Letter From America. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 **Aubade:** Wagner (Rienzi overture: Vienna PO), Liszt (St Francis preaching to the birds: Brendel, piano), Vaughan Williams (Flos campi:Bournemouth Sinfonietta, with Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir and Frederick Riddle, viola), Bach (Concerto in F major, BWV 971: Pinnock, harpsichord), Bax (Into the twilight: Ulster Orchestra), Glinka (Variations on theme of Mozart: Susan Drake, harp), Haydn (Chi vive amante: Teresa Berganza, mezzo), Respighi (Belkis, Queen of Sheba, suite: Philharmonia). 9.00 News
9.05 **Record Review:** includes comment on the EMI set of Britten's complete music for string quartet. Also reviews of new records of songs by Liszt, Schubert, Britten and others. And new Shostakovich recordings. With Paul Vaughan
10.15 **Stereo Release:** Britten (Quartettino, 1930: Endellion Quartet; and Britten's Seven Sonnets of Michelangelo (Rolfe Johnson, tenor and Graham Johnson, piano)
10.55 **Cello and Piano:** Moray Welsh with Martin Boscoe. Kabalevsky (Sonata Op 71), Ethel Smyth (Sonata, Op 5)
11.45 **Robert Mayer Concert:** BBC Concert Orchestra (under Cleobury). Humperdinck (Prelude from Hansel and Gretel), Ravel (Mother Goose suite), Coates (Three Bears), Tchaikovsky (excerpts from The Sleeping Beauty). 1.00 News
1.05 **Takacs String Quartet:** Haydn (Quartet in B flat Op 76 No 4), Beethoven (Quartet in D, Op 18 No 3)
2.05 **Schubert Piano Sonatas:** Martino Tirimo plays the A flat major, D 557, and C minor, D 958
3.00 **Bruno Walter:** recordings featuring Walter as composer and pianist. Mozart (The Impresario overture: Columbia SO), Brahms (Concerto in A minor Op 102: Stern/Rose/New York Philharmonic), Wagner (Siegfried Idyll: Columbia SO), Mahler (Das Lied von der Erde: Ferrier/Patzak/Vienna PO)
5.00 **Jazz Record Requests:** with Peter Clayton
5.45 **Critics' Choice:** includes comment on An Italian Straw Hat, at the Shaftesbury; the film Heartbreak Ridge; and Commercial Art by Peter Blake at Watermans Arts Centre. In the chair: Richard Cork.
6.35 **'t Nederlands Orgel:** Gustav Leonhardt (organ)plays works by Sweelinck (Toccata, and Praeludium), Scheidermann, Delphin Strungk, Melchior Schildt and van Noordt (Psalm 50)
7.25 **BBC Welsh SO in Germany** (under Mariss Yansons). Part one. With Iona Brown (violin), Josef Suk (viola). Weber (Euryanthe overture), Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat major, K 364)
8.15 **After a Night Out with the Biscuitmen:** David McKail reads the story by Ron Butlin
8.35 **Concert** (part two). Shostakovich (Symphony No 5)
9.20 **Metaphors or Mallets:** Peter Mellors's compilation on South Africa. Includes works by Christopher Hope, Dan Jacobson, Lewis Nkosi and André Brink
10.00 **Cambridge Chamber Music:** Brodsky String Quartet. With Nicholas Cox (clarinet). Webern (Five Movements, Op 5), Birtwistle (Clarinet Quintet). Lutoslawski (Quartet). Interval reading at 10.35
11.15 **Chopin and Ben-Haim:** Nelly Ben-or (piano). Chopin (Rondo in C minor, Op 1, and Variations brillante Op 12), Ben-Haim (Sonatina Op 38, and Nocturne from Op 20b, and Toccata)
11.57 News. 12.00

Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 News briefing: weather
6.10 Farming Week 6.50 Prayer for the Day.
7.00 Today, incl 7.00, 8.00 Today's news 7.30, 8.30 News Summary 7.25 Sport 7.40, 8.47 Today's papers 7.45 Thought for the Day 7.55, 8.55 Weather; Travel 8.25 The Weeklies 8.40 Results of Christmas competition
9.00 News 9.05 Sport on 4.
9.30 Breakaway. Travel and leisure programme.
10.00 News; Loose Ends with Ned Sherrin and guests.
11.00 Talking politics. David Self talks to long-suffering spouses of MPs.
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent.
11.55 The Weekend on 4.
12.00 News; Money Box.
12.27 Quote . . . Unquote The quotations game (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Enoch Powell MP, Mgr Bruce Kent, Sir Alfred Sherman and Susan Thomas 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Literary Wives. Judith Elliot talks to three writers' wives.
2.30 The Afternoon Play: Fly Away Home, by William Humble (s)
4.00 News; International Assignment.
4.30 What Price Wildlife? What does the future hold for wild animals in a world ravaged by tourism, cropping and ranching?
5.15 Trains Stopped Play. Peter White and his brother Colin are both blind. Peter recalls how they played, as children.
5.25 I had the Misery Thursday. Celebrity guests discuss their friend Montgomery Clift with Terence Pettigrew. 5.50 Shipping 5.55 Weather; Travel
6.00 News; Sports round-up
6.25 Stop the Week. Robert Robinson, guests and entertaining conversation (s).
7.00 Saturday Night Theatre: A Bullet in the Ballet, by Caryl Brahms and S J Simon (s)
8.30 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with favourite records (s)
9.30 Thriller! SS – GB, by Len Deighton, abridged in 13 parts; part 1
9.50 Ten to Ten [new series]. A reading, hymn and reflection with Rev Dr Kenneth Slack (s) 10.00 News
10.15 The Saturday Feature. Bluebird, Campbell and Coniston. The story of Donald Campbell's speed record project which ended in tragedy.
10.45 The Enthusiasts [new series]. Allan Smith visits the first of five groups of the Great British Enthusiast. 1: Sailing Barges.
11.00 Tales from the Mausoleum Club, by Ian Broan and James Hendrie. 1. The Inaudible Man (s)
11.30 The Cabaret Upstairs. Best of London's fringe entertainment from the Comedy Store, Leicester Square (s)
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-6.00 Options 4.00 Inside Information [new series] The world of information technology 4.30 Franc-Parler [new series] Conversational French programme 5.00 Robert Hooke: London's Leonardo. Dr Edmund Hambly reassesses the work of Hooke 5.30 Por Aqui.

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SUNDAY

CHOICE

Katharine Schlesinger as Anne Frank (BBC1, 5.10). Deborah Kerr, Burt Lancaster: on C4, 10.20pm.

● Crisis! (BBC1, 7.50pm), a tale of an imaginary airliner hijack, has six endings. Which one we shall see depends on what decisions the three wise men (real MPs) and their expert advisers (also real) come to as they meet in emergency session. Producer Laurence Rees picked up a hot potato with this one. It could have gone woefully wrong. It doesn't. It goes nerve-tinglingly right.

● It's good to have **Mastermind** (BBC1, 9.45pm) and **Antiques Roadshow** (BBC1, 5.40) back on our screens. The latter has a marvellous postscript involving a long-lost watercolour. The former (no doubt reflecting the light-heartedness of the season), includes questions about 20 years of radio comedy.

● Best of the rest on TV: Elaine Morgan's dramatization of **The Diary of Anne Frank** (BBC1, 5.10pm), and the 1981 Verona Arena production of Verdi's **Aida** (C4,2.30pm).

● Radio choice: the Robert Maxwell interview (Radio 4, 9.30pm), and the Arthur C Clarke interview (R4, 8.00).

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BBC1

8.55 **Play School.** (r) 9.15 **Umbrella.** Religious stories for the young.
9.30 **This is the Day** from a viewer's home in South Ham, Basingstoke.
10.00 **Asian Magazine.** 10.30 **Great Experiments.** The first of four films about turning points in science.(r)
10.55 **Buongiorno Italia!** Lesson 11. (r) 11.20 **With a Little Help from the Chip.** Microtechnology aids for the disabled. (r) 12.10 **See Hear.** Magazine programme for the deaf. 12.35 **Farming** 12.58 **Weather.**
1.00 **News** headlines.
1.05 **Bonanza.** Western adventures. (r) 1.50 **Cartoon** 2.00 **EastEnders.** (r) (Ceefax)
3.00 **Match of the Day Live.** Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal.
4.55 **Bugs Bunny.** Cartoons.
5.10 **The Diary of Anne Frank.** Episode one of a four-part drama based on the diaries which tell the story of family's desperate attempts to survive the Second World War holocaust. Starring Katharine Schlesinger. (Ceefax)
5.40 **Antiques Roadshow.** This first of a new series comes from Barnstaple. (Ceefax)
6.25 **News and weather.**
6.40 **Songs of Praise** for Epiphany from Worcester Cathedral. (Ceefax)
7.15 **Last of the Summer Wine.** Compo and Clegg discover Seymour's place surrounded by barbed wire. (Ceefax)
7.50 **Crisis!** What should be done when a 'plane is hijacked? A team of politicians, supported by experts, plan their course of action. Dramatized news reports give the terrorists' reactions. Chairing the crisis committee is Professor Paul Wilkinson, an expert on terrorism. (Ceefax)
9.45 **Mastermind.** The specialist subjects of this, the beginning of the 15th series, are: the life and times of Ferdinand of Aragon; Hungarian history 1848-1919; the history of Belfast 1600-1900; and BBC radio comedy 1947-1967.
10.15 **News** with Jan Leeming. Weather.
10.30 **Everyman: The Mighty Quinn.** The story of Detroit's Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Centre, one of the biggest treatment centres for alcoholics in the United States, founded by Fr Vaughn Quinn.
11.10 **Designers.** Industrial designers. (r)
11.40 **Weather.**

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax 9.45 Open University.**
10.10 **Whirlybirds.** Cartoon (r) 10.35 **The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show** 10.55 **Blue Peter Review of the Year.** (r) (Ceefax) 11.30 **The Monkees.** (r)
11.50 **Laramie.** A robbery suspect refuses to reveal injured Slim's whereabouts unless he is released. (r) 12.40 **Windmill.** Chris Searle selects archive film on the subject of Transport. (r)
1.40 **Rugby Special.** Swansea v Aberavon.
2.20 **Maestro.** A profile of Jackie Stewart. (r)
3.00 **Film: Operation Petticoat** (1959) starring Cary Grant and Tony Curtis. Second World War comedy about a crippled American submarine, in Darwin for repairs, which is invaded by nurses, children, and a goat. Directed by Blake Edwards.
4.55 **Music in Camera.** The Lindsay Quartet perform Beethoven's String Quartet in F Op 59 No 1 in the first of three programmes featuring the Rasumovsky Quartets.
5.45 **Ski Sunday.** The Men's Downhill from Laax, Switzerland.
6.30 **The Money Programme** presented by Brian Widlake and Valerie Singleton.
7.15 **Seventy Summers.** The first of a five-part personal history of a farm, recalled by septuagenarian Tony Harman who has lived and worked at The Grove, near Chesham, all his life.
7.50 **Film: The Return of the Soldier** (1982) starring Alan Bates. Chris Baldry, a wealthy landowner returns from the First World War shell-shocked and with a 20 year gap in his memory. He makes straight for an old love, now married, leaving the wife he cannot remember deeply disturbed. Adapted from a Rebecca West novel and directed by Alan Bridges.
9.30 **Jazz at the Philharmonic***. Part two of a concert recorded at London's Poplar Town Hall in 1967, featuring, among others, Coleman Hawkins and Teddy Wilson. (r)
10.15 **Film: Coast to Coast** (1986) starring Lenny Henry and John Shea. A made-for-television comedy thriller about a mobile disco's proprietors who encounter a spot of bother and find themselves on the run from pursuers on both sides of the law. Directed by Sandy Johnson. Ends at 12.00.

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6.55 **TV-am** opens with Sunday Comment; 7.00 **Are You Awake Yet?**; 7.25 **Wac Extra.**
8.30 **David Frost on Sunday.** The guests include Jeffrey Archer and Donald Trelford.
9.25 **Wake Up London.** 9.30 **Fraggle Rock** with Fulton Mackay 10.00 **Krazy Kitchen** with Stu Francis 10.30 **The Adventures of Black Beauty.** (r)
11.00 **Morning Worship.** Parish Mass from St Comgall's Church, Co Antrim.
12.00 **There Is No Limit.** Gina Campbell returns to Coniston with Melvyn Bragg, 20 years after the death on the lake of her father, Donald, and reflects on her family's thirst for speed. 12.30 **Liechtenstein: A Princely Heritage.** Peter Ustinov narrates this portrait of the 800 year reign of the Princes of Liechtenstein.
1.30 **Link** includes news of a diary which celebrates the achievements of disabled people 2.00 **Encounter.** With Father Paschal, a Franciscan friar, on a multi-faith pilgrimage to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the World Wildlife Fund. The first of a new series.
2.30 **LWT News** headlines followed by **Snooker.** A Mercantile Credit Classic fifth round match between Steve Davis and Tony Meo.
4.15 **Film: The Colditz Story*** (1954) starring John Mills and Eric Portman. Second World War drama, based on fact, about Allied prisoners-of-war and their attempts to escape from the supposedly escape-proof Colditz Castle. Directed by Guy Hamilton.
6.00 **Bullseye.** Darts and general knowledge game.
6.30 **News** with Trevor McDonald.
6.40 **Appeal** by Jane Asher on behalf of SENSE.
6.45 **Highway.** Sir Harry visits Caernarfon.
7.15 **Catchphrase.** Roy Walker introduces a new series of the puzzle game. (Oracle)
7.45 **Film: Seduced** (1985) starring Gregory Harrison and Cybill Shepherd. A murder mystery in which the investigator has an affair with the victim's wife. Directed by Jerrold Freedman.
9.30 **News.**
9.45 **Rat in the Skull,** by Ron Hutchinson. Drama about the cover up of a case of police brutality.
11.15 **LWT News** headlines followed by **Snooker.** The Mercantile Credit Classic.
12.15 **Close.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 **Sunday East.** Magazine programme for Asian viewers. Followed by **Deewarain.** Drama serial set in a Pakistan village.
10.00 **Glacier Express.** A documentary following the route of the train that plies between St Moritz and Zermatt. 11.00 **Worzel Gummidge.** (r)
11.30 **The Waltons.** Drama serial set at the time of the American Depression.
12.30 **Swank - The Scrap Book.** Dawn French meets, among others, Cynthia Lennon, Jeff Banks, David Shilling, Andrew Logan, and the Brighton football team. (r)
2.00 **Pob's Programme** for children.
2.30 **Viva Verona: Aida.** Verdi's opera staged in the Roman open-air Arena di Verona, recorded in 1981. The production stars the soprano Maria Chiara and mezzo-soprano Fiorenza Cossotto. (English subtitles) (r)
5.25 **News** summary and weather followed by **World Alive: Spain.** The wildlife of Spain's Coto Donana, one of the world's most important national parks for migratory birds. (r)
6.00 **American Football.** Highlights from two Super Bowl quarterfinal games.
7.15 **The World at War.** Part five of the documentary series on the Second World War covers the period between June and December 1941 when Hitler was confident of defeating Russia within months. (r) (Oracle)
8.15 **Jeffrey Tate: 'Let's Take That Infernal Risk'** A profile of Jeffrey Tate, a severely physically handicapped and virtually self-taught pianist who gave up his medical career after qualifying as a doctor for the world of music. That was 15 years ago, today he is the first Principal Conductor of The Royal Opera and of the English Chamber Orchestra.
9.25 **The Gourmet,** by Kazuo Ishiguro. Charles Gray stars in this play about a notorious gourmet who travels the world searching for new sensations for his palate. (Oracle)
10.20 **Film: From Here to Eternity*** (1953) starring Burt Lancaster and deborah Kerr. A drama about the lives of people living in and around an American Army base in Hawaii, shortly before the attack on Pearl Harbour. Directed by Fred Zinnemann. Ends at 12.35.

Radio 1

6.00am Mark Page 8.00 Peter Powell 10.00 Mike Read 12.30pm Jimmy Savile's "Old Record" Club. (Hit records from 1985, 79 and 73) 2.30 Radio 1 More Time (Anne Nightingale) 4.00 Chartbusters (Bruno Brookes) 5.00 Top 30 o 1986 (Bruno Brookes) 7.00 Anne Nightingale Request Show 9.00 Robbie Vincent 11.00-12.00 The Ranking Miss P (with Culture Rock). VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2 5.00pm As Radio 1 12.00-4.00am As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF
News on the hour (except 8.00pm). Sports Desks 12.02pm, 6.02, 10.02. Cricket: Australia v West Indies. Reports from Perth at 4.02am, 5.02, 6.02, 7.02, 8.05, 9.05, 10.2.
4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Steve Truelove 7.30 Roger Royle says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Melodies for You (BBC Concert Orchestra, with Richard Baker) 11.00 Judith Chalmers 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell 4.00 Peter Morrison Sings with Langham Orchestra 4.30 Sing Something Simple (Cliff Adams Singers) 5.00 Charlie Chester (Sunday Soapbox) 7.00 Living with Betty starring Barbara Windsor 7.30 Operetta Nights 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour from St Saviour's Church, Guildford 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes (Alan Keith) 10.05 Songs from the Shows (BBC Radio Orchestra) 10.45 Jules Ruben at the Piano 11.00 Sounds of Jazz (Tony Russell) 1.00am Jean Challis 3.00-4.00 A Little Night

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 From Our Own Correspondent 7.50 Waveguide 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours 9.00 News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 Science in Action 9.45 A Future for the Past 10.00 News 10.01 Story 10.15 Classical Record Review 10.30 Sunday Service 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 From our own Correspondent (until 11.30) 12.00 News 12.01 Play of the Week: Schippel A Plumber's Progress 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Sports Roundup 1.45 Sandi Jones Request Show including at 2.00 News 2.30 Runyon's Guys and Dolls 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Concert Hall: Weber 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Malaria – Battle in the Block 4.45 Letter From America 5.00 News 5.09 Reflections (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 News 9.01 Story 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours 10.00 News 10.09 Double Divan 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial Review of the Year 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Letter From America 11.30 A Word in Edgewdays 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Religious Service 1.00 News 1.01 Wind in the Willows 1.45 Music of Weber 2.00 News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Peebles' Choice 2.30 Science in Action 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 Good Books 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Wind in the Willows 5.45 Recording of the Week. All times in GMT.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News
7.05 **La Petite Bande:** Telemann (Quartet in G major, with the Kuijkens and Robert Kohnen, harpsichord), Haydn (Sinfonia in B flat, H1 108), Gossec (Symphony in A major Op 6 No 4). Conducted by Sigiswald Kuijken)
8.00 **The Musician's Musician:** Arthur Grumieux (violin). Bach (Chaconne, Partita No 2 in D minor, BWV 1004), Mozart (Sonata in B flat, K 378, with Haskil, piano), Paganini (Violin Concerto No 4: National Opera Orchestra of Monte Carlo). 9.00 News
9.05 **Your Concert Choice:** Lehar (Land of Smiles overture: Munich Radio Orchestra), Tchaikovsky (Quartet No 1: Borodin String Quartet), Chopin (Sonata No 3 in B minor, Op 58: Rubinstein, piano), Janacek (The Cunning Little Vixen suite: Toronto SO)
10.30 **Music Weekly:** with Michael Oliver. Includes a visit to the Bate Collection of Historical Instruments in Oxford, and a conversation with Josephine Barstow and Bryan Magee about Penderecki's opera The Black Mask. Also, an assessment by Richard Osborne of the career and legacy of Bruno Walter
11.15 **Josef Suk:** the violinist (with Josef Hala, piano) in performances of Dvorak's Sonata in F major, Op 57, Smetana's From my homeland, and Beethoven's Sonata in F Op 24
12.15 **From the Proms:** 1986 season highlights. London Philharmonic (under Haitink). Elgar (Enigma Variations), and Shostakovich (Symphony No 10). Interval reading at 12.45
2.00 **From the Festivals:** Mozart's Marriage of Figaro, performed at the 1986 Salzburg Festival. Sung in Italian. James Levine conducts Vienna State Opera Chorus and Vienna Philharmonic. Cast includes Ferruccio Furlanetto, Kathleen Battle, Gunter von Kannen, Diana Montague, Lucia Popp, James Morris and Jocelyne Taillon. Acts one and two
3.40 **Ivory Towers and Glass Houses:** talk by Renford Bambrough, Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge
4.00 **The Marriage of Figaro:** third and fourth acts of the opera
5.30 **New Premises:** Nigel Andrews presents the arts magazine
6.15 **Envy, Hatred and Malice:** an operatic investigation by Rodney Milnes (1) Malice, pure and simple
6.45 **Liszt and the piano:** Michele Campanella plays works including Elsas Brautzug (Logehngrin), Walhall (Der Ring des Nibelungen) and Liebestod (Tristan und Isolde)
7.35 **Breakfast with a Snowman:** David McKail reads the story by Ron Butlin
7.55 **BBC Scottish SO** (under Izquierdo), with Geoffrey Trabichoff (violin). Mozart (Violin Concerto No 4), Schoenberg (Verklarte Nacht)
8.50 **Lay a Garland:** BBC Northern Singers, with Margaret Phillips (organ). Music for the Victorian church and home
10.00 **Currents from a Northern Land:** Danish music. Pelle Gudmundsen-Holmgreen (Triptychon,for percussion and orchestra: Tivoli SO), Axel Borup-Jorgensen (Marin: Danish RSO), Per Norgaard (Symphony No 2: Aarhus SO). Last of eight programmes. Introduced by Jan Jacoby.
11.30 **Chopin:** Murray Perahia (piano) plays Barcarolle; Impromptu in A flat; Fantaisie in F minor
11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown

Radio 4

On long wave (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 Prelude (s) 6.30 News.6.55 Weather;
7.00 News 7.15 On Your Farm 7.40 Sunday.
8.50 The Week's Good Cause. 8.55 Weather.
9.00 News 9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alastair Cooke.
9.30 Morning Service (s)
10.15 The Archers.
11.15 Pick of the Week.(s)
12.15 Desert Island Discs. Tony Bennett in conversation with Michael Parkinson (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend; News 1.55 Shipping
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time from the Marlow and District Horticultural Society in Buckinghamshire.
2.30 The Afternoon Play: Toytown, by Rhys Adrian (s)
3.30 The Tommy Smith Story. Story of the brilliant 19-year-old jazz saxophonist.
4.00 News; Not All Blood and Bandages. Front-line memories from Second World War Nursing sisters.
5.00 News; Travel
5.05 Down Your Way. Brian Johnstone visits Cardiff
6.00 News
6.15 Actuality. The subtle art of salesmanship.
7.00 Secret Lives (new series) by E S Benson.(1)(s)
8.00 Bookshelf. A Day in the Life of Arthur C Clarke. Nigel Achesor meets the famous science-fiction novelist at home in Sri Lanka.
8.30 A Word in Edgeways. Brian Redhead and guests in conversation.
9.00 News; Some Mother's Son. A serial in six parts by John Fletcher (s)
9.30 The Press Barons. How much influence do they have on their papers and their readers? First of 5 conversations. 1. Robert Maxwell 9.55 Weather; Travel
10.00 News
10.15 The Sunday Feature. Footprints Through Avebury. The story of the Avebury stones in Wiltshire.(s)
11.00 Before the Ending of the Day (s)
11.15 Rodin: The Truth from Within. A Portrait of the sculptor compiled from his letters and other contemporary sources.
11.45 Tales from a Palm Court. Stories of a British Circuit judge in the South Seas, read by Ian Carmichael.
12.00 News; Weather 12.33 Shipping
VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel 7.10-7.50 Open University 7.10 Becoming as associate student 7.50 Into the Open: Getting started 1.55-2.00pm Programme News 4.00-6.00 Options 4.00 On the Cut (new series) The first of six programmes recalling life and work on the English canals 4.30 Not So Long Ago (new series) Eight programmes about world history 1. Hiroshima 5.00 Deutsch Express! (new series) A second stage German Course 5.30 Buongiorno Italia.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1:1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m:VHF-90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m: VHF-92-95; LBC:1152kHz/261m: VHF 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF95.8; BBC Radio London: 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9: World Service: MF 648kHz/463m.

MIM in line for best cup placing

By Nicholas Harling

Rising to the occasion in magnificent style. Murray International Metals Livingstone yesterday became the first team to reach the last four of the 10th annual World Invitation Club Basketball Championships (WICB) at Crystal Palace.

The unbeaten Scottish League leaders, who recently won a domestic cup-tie by a staggering 91 points, defeated the Swiss club, Vevey, 105-87, to not only justify their position as third seeds but to make certain that this year they will improve on their best-ever position in the tournament, which is a disappointing fifth.

There was little between the teams in an even first half, although MIM did at one stage take a seven-point lead which was turned into a three-point disadvantage before they went in at half-time, leading 59-56. Ralton Way, their 6ft 8in forward, had incurred a technical foul for dissent mid-way through the first period, but he put the misdemeanour behind him after the interval to stretch his personal tally to 28 points and 15 rebounds.

In Jim Grandholm, their 7ft 1in American centre, Vevey appeared to have a formidable opponent for Way and Foggin

If Vevey were still feeling the effects of Thursday's first round game, in which they beat Wingate, the American college team, by one point, MIM could hardly be considered the freshest of opponents, relying as they do on so few players in the squad.

Not until the 13th minute did they change their starting five, when Archibald, their Scottish international, replaced Foggin, and thereafter no one else came off the bench.

Vevey, who had been called into the tournament at the last minute as late replacements for Aris Salonika, who had priced themselves out of contention, wilted in the later stages as Way, Young, and Foggin dominated the rebounds.

With the Swiss club's Americans subdued and Stockhalper, their guard and only international, fading after sinking his third three-pointer, Hill, MIM's own point guard, was able to enjoy himself as the match drew to its close, with a late flurry of baskets.

RESULTS: Senior men's quarter-finals: Murray International Metals Livingstone (Sco) 105 (Foggin 29, Way 28, Young 17), Vevey (Switz) 87 (Grandholm 18, Stockhalper 19, Edder 16, Angstadt 14). Loser's pools: Bracknell (Eng) 111, Continental (Br) 54; Wingate College (US) 118, Solent 115; Nine-to-12 play-offs: Wingate College (US) 118, Solent Stars (Eng) 115 (aet). Women's group: Solna (Swe) 96, DBB Vienna (Austria) 71; Avon Northampton (Eng) 74, Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 54; BCP London (Eng) 69, MIM Livingstone (Sco) 66; Unimep Sao Paulo (Br) 139, Wingate College (US) 60. Junior men's group: Lambeth (Eng) 61, MIM Livingstone (Sco) 52; Manchester United (Eng) 78, Portsmouth (Eng) 38; Lambeth (Eng) 43, Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 37; Solna (Swe) 73, NatWest England Cadets (Eng) 53; Manchester United 71, MIM Livingstone 50; Continental Sao Paulo (Br) 110, BCP London (Eng) 19; Bayer Leverkusen (WG) 57, Portsmouth (Eng) 31.

Historic chance for Spurs to climb the table

By Clive White

White Hart Lane is privileged to behold a derby tomorrow which transcends the feudal importance of such occasions, even the celebrations surrounding the event, the 100th League meeting between Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal. For it has a relevance which may go far beyond the boundaries of North London.

David Pleat, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, cut through all the hyperbole yesterday when he said: "It is as good an opportunity as we will get to close the gap behind Arsenal." Tottenham are 10 points adrift of the League leaders and if they are to sustain the dream of winning the championship in Pleat's first season as manager they must seize the chance to lop off three points of that lead since Arsenal are giving little indication of dropping points elsewhere.

Pleat concedes the strength of Arsenal's position. "George Graham can deflect all he likes but Arsenal are the team to beat. Arsenal deserve a lot of credit even if they have been relatively free of injury. They have struck up the right rapport between their players. It will take us a little longer to integrate our four new men."

One of those, Hodge, Pleat's most recent signing, from Aston Villa, is very doubtful with a rib injury received against West Ham United when he was one of the scorers in a runaway derby victory. Tottenham-Arsenal games are usually much more close affairs. In the last five fixtures there has not been more than one goal between them. Each hold 39 wins in this historic fixture so tomorrow's winner will hold overall superiority.

Tottenham will need to be at full strength to contain an Arsenal side which has gone through minimal change recently. Pleat does not rule Hodge out and is optimistic that Mitchell Thomas will recover from the ankle injury which has kept him out of two of the holiday games. Paul Allen, one of the driving forces behind Tottenham recently, has recovered from the concussion received at Selhurst Park on New Year's Day.

Arsenal, undefeated in 18 games, are three League games short of the club record run of 17 games without defeat, recorded at the start of the 1947-48 championship-winning season in which they were never headed. George Graham, the manager, refuses to budge from his view that Easter is the decisive holiday period. Only then, if Arsenal are still leading, will he concede that the championship could be theirs.

It could be Glenn Hoddle's last derby if Pleat decides to release him at the end of the season. Hoddle has never scored in this fixture, unlike the darling of Highbury, Charlie Nicholas. He scored at Tottenham in his first two seasons with Arsenal and returned to the scoresheet with a vengeance on Thursday scoring twice against Wimbledon. "Charlie's return couldn't have come at a better time. He usually manages to turn it on against Tottenham." Kenny Sansom, the Arsenal captain, said.

"We haven't been playing as well as we can in the last few games, but we've still been winning. In its own way that can boost your confidence as much as playing well because you feel that even if individuals aren't doing it, the team's collective ability and fighting spirit can pull them through."

Everton confront allergic reaction

By Clive White

Normally Everton would dismiss any hopes of advancement when they visit Loftus Road. Their abhorrence of artificial pitches is well-known, as is their inability to score goals at this particular venue. But Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, believes that they may have overcome their allergy to plastic.

"Previously we have found it hard to adapt to this type of pitch, but we can take heart from our showing at Luton. We were unfortunate to lose 1-0 that day and played our best football yet on an artificial surface," he said.

But Kendall declined the opportunity to train at Loftus Road on a surface generally regarded inferior to the one at Kenilworth Road. "An hour and a half on that pitch is more than enough for players to endure." In the circumstances it is not a good time for Everton to play on it. Their game against Aston Villa left them with plenty of aches and strains.

Everton, who have yet to score in three visits to this corner of West London, have recalled Mimms from loan at Sunderland because of a knee injury to Southall, but the more serious doubt is to Power, who is also struggling with a knee problem.

Power, bought to strengthen the squad rather than the team, has yet to miss a game this season. Such a loss may be offset to some extent by the return from suspension of Sharp. Heath, who has scored 14 goals this season, may move back into midfield to accommodate Sharp's return.

After sharing the points on New Year's Day, Nottingham Forest and Liverpool are well aware they can ill afford to lose any more ground to Arsenal. But both managers are unlikely to make changes, though Meogod could return for Forest against Aston Villa at Villa Park. Brian Clough, the Forest manager, said: "The fact we came so close to beating the champions is immaterial. We still failed to get three points, that's what counts."

Manchester United return to the Dell where a defeat in the Littlewoods Cup precipitated the departure of Ron Atkinson as manager. As then United are in similarly poor health but rather more successful. Moran, who caused serious concern for his health when he swallowed his tongue at Old Trafford against Newcastle United, is none the worse for his experience. United include three new youngsters in their squad, Hanrahan, Gill and Russell.

Now it is Southampton's turn to feel the cold wind of failure. They have not won in six games and are three points off the bottom.

Robinson staying with QPR

Michael Robinson was taken off the Queen's Park Rangers' transfer list last night after the club rejected an approach from the Spanish first division club, Osasuna. It is a boost for Robinson and QPR before their home game against Everton today.

"Robinson doesn't want to leave and after the way he has played in the last four matches we feel he has a future at the club," Jim Smith, the QPR manager, said. "In any case with our injury situation we could not consider letting him go at this stage."

With Bannister, Brazil and Rosenoir all ruled out, Robinson partners Byrne in attack today. Two Belgian clubs, Mechelen and Ghent, had also monitored Robinson, who was put on the transfer list after a row with Smith.

Osasuna sent a representative to Loftus Road yesterday hoping to tie up a six figure deal.

● Injury-hit Manchester United received some overdue good news yesterday. Their teenage goalkeeper, Gary Walsh, had an exploratory operation and was told he does not need a cartilage operation. Walsh damaged his knee in a training session and it was feared he would need an operation that could keep him out for at least a month.

SNOOKER

Wilson recovers to win

By a Special Correspondent

Cliff Wilson completed a remarkable recovery to defeat the unseeded Wayne Jones, a fellow Welshman, 5-3, and reach the Mercantile £250,000 Credit Classic quarter-finals at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel last night, having tailed 0-3 in the early stages.

Although Wilson, aged 52 and ranked 23 in the world, produced flowing breaks of 63 and 92, the victory was as much down to the seasonal generosity of Jones, who could easily have whitewashed his opponent had it not been for a costly error in the fourth frame which turned the match.

Jones twice missed reasonable chances to take the black ball and reach the interval 4-0 ahead, but he failed to give Wilson the launching pad to victory.

Wilson came from behind in almost every frame, and drew level at 3-3 with the two highest breaks of the game before taking the lead for the first time in the seventh frame.

Although a break of 42 by Jones threatened to send the match to a final frame decider, Wilson recovered his composure

Wilson, forced to retire from the game for 15 years due to a serious eye complaint, was delighted having played with a heavy cold under the burning television lights. He said later: "My nose was running like a tap and I felt terrible. But at three and a halfframes to 0 down I thought Wayne wasn't playing that well, and I found a bit of form while his game crumbled".

One-day wonder: Jones, of Australia, on his way to a second hundred in successive days

Australia sent into despair by Asif Mujtaba's heroics

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Perth

Pakistan made sure of reaching the final of the Benson and Hedges Challenge with a remarkable victory by one wicket over Australia yesterday. Needing 274 to win in the 50 overs, Jones having scored another hundred for Australia, they were 96 for five after 24 overs and 128 for six with only 20 left.

Various young cricketers one had seldom heard of then pulled the brand from the burning, by making 93 from their last 12 overs and 50 from the last six. The most precocious of them was Asif Mutjaba, a 20-year-old left-hander, who was 60 not out when the winning hit was made with one ball left and the last pair together.

Should England beat West Indies today, nothing can stop them being Pakistan's opponents in Wednesday's final. And if West Indies are the bookmakers' favourites, England can at least approach the match with more confidence than when they met West Indies last – in the Caribbean last April. They have been winning matches; it is likely to be a good pitch, and the rules of one-day cricket will prevent the West Indians from bowling indiscriminately short.

Only because Channel Nine like to know the man of the match in advance of the finish can Rodney Marsh have given the award to Jones, very well though he played. Afterwards Imran said that he was disappointed it had not gone to Asif, and so it should have done.

There is nothing of him, and he has no reputation as a hitter. His five overs of left-arm slows can also have done nothing to boost his confidence. I doubt whether he had ever batted under lights before. But the time came when almost anything that was bowled to him he pulled into the open spaces on the leg side.

It was all a terrible disappointment for Australia, who had seemed to have the match safely won until a quarter of an hour before they lost it. "For once things are running our way". Bobby Simpson, manager of the Australian side, had said as Jones and Waugh were adding 173 for Australia's fourth wicket. So, then, they were; but Jones and Waugh still needed very little luck. No one seemed able to remember any other batsman scoring centuries on successive days in one-day internationals, as Jones has just done.

When Jones reaches a landmark everyone knows about it. Waugh is altogether more self-effacing. If his partner looks like embracing him, he stands off. Waugh has something of Greg Chappell about him, being nicely unassuming yet quietly assured. He runs very well between the wickets too."

His partnership with Jones gained pace as it went along. They came together in the nineteenth over, at 70 for three, Border having just been out. After 25 overs Australia were 99 for three, with Jones starting to open out; after 35 they were 159 for three and, after 40, 202 for three.

By the time Waugh was bowled by Imran in the 47th over another good crowd (17,144) on another lovely day (88 degrees) were enjoying themselves more than for a long time, confident of a rare Australian victory. Imran had turned to six bowlers besides himself to try and stem the tide. Since Jones had run out Marsh, the running between the wickets had been wonderfully good. When Jones had had enough – he was bowled in the last over of Australia's innings – he had faced 113 balls, hit nine fours (the boundaries are very long) and two sixes. Waugh faced 102 balls, hitting five fours and one six.

While Qasim Omar was playing like a cross between George Emmett and George Headley, then when Manzoor, a star in the making, was scoring 48 in 44 balls, and Saleem 31 in 27 balls, we were being greatly entertained without thinking that Australia would suffer the mortification of defeat. But who was this little left-hander starting suddenly to avoid the leg-side fielders and reduce the bowlers to impotence?

With three overs left Pakistan needed only 28; with one to go they needed seven. Despite losing Wasim Akram off the first ball of the last over, caught at mid-off, Asif and the last man, Jaffer, did the trick, the winning hit just clearing mid-wicket.

Australia must be beginning to wonder when on earth they are going to win again. If 274 runsin a one-day match are not enough, how many will be? In theory they are not quite out of the competition. If England lose today, and Australia beat West Indies tomorrow, and England lose again on Monday, to Pakistan, the slide rule comes out. But if ifs and ands were pots and pans....

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA

G R Marsh run out	28
G A Bishop c Jaffer b Imran	6
D M J Jones b Akram	121
*A R Border b Mudassar	14
S R Waugh b Imran	82
G R J Matthews b Akram	3
S P O'Donnell not out	9
K H MacLeay not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 5, nb 1)	9
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	273

†T J Zoehrer, M R Whitney and B A Reid did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-49, 3-70, 4-243, 5-254, 6-271.

BOWLING: Imran 10-0-43-2; Akram 10-1-58-2; Jaffer 10-2-43-0; Mudassar 10-0-56-1; Mujtaba 5-0-32-0; Shoaib 3-0-22-0; Manzoor 2-0-16-0.

PAKISTAN

Qasim Omar c Border b Waugh	67
Shoaib Mohammad lbw b MacLeay	9
Ramiz Raja c Bishop b MacLeay	0
Javed Miandad b Reid	7
Mudassar Nazar lbw b Waugh	7
*Imran Khan c Zoehrer b Waugh	20
Manzoor Elahi c and b Whitney	48
Asif Mujtaba not out	60
†Saleem Yousuf c O'Donnell b Whitney	31
Wasim Akram c Whitney b Waugh	5
Saleem Jaffer not out	3
Extras (lb 15, w 1, nb 1)	17
Total (9 wkts, 49.5 overs)	274

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-40, 3-73, 4-93, 5-96, 6-128, 7-181, 8-224, 9-267.

BOWLING: MacLeay 10-0-36-2; Whitney 10-0-48-2; Reid 10-0-61-1; Waugh 9.5-0-58-4; O'Donnell 10-0-56-0.

Umpires: A R Crafter and S G Randell.

REMAINING MATCHES: Today: England v West Indies. Tomorrow: Australia v West Indies. January 5: England v Pakistan. January 7: final.

Roebuck over the Wacker moon

From Richard Evans
Perth

The current state of play in the other cricket competition being played here in Perth – which could be called "The Guess Who's Going Where Challenge" – has John Emburey not going to Surrey; Graham Dilley not going to Hampshire; Ian Botham going to Worcestershire rather than Northumberland; and, just to prove that a fact does exist in this rumour mill, Graham Rose definitely leaving Middlesex for Somerset.

To deal with the *fait accompli* first, Somerset's captain, Peter Roebuck, reappeared in the press box to resume his journalistic duties after a day of suspicious absence to confirm that he had made the first move toward plugging a few of the alarming holes that had been left in his team for 1987.

Graham Rose is not Ian Botham, and presumably never will be, but he is a highly promising 22-year-old medium-pace bowler and a batsman of some potential. Roebuck professed himself delighted to have plucked him from under the noses of some other counties.

"We definitely need to strengthen the team," said Roebuck, whose contact with Botham since arriving in Australia has been confined to a couple of brief and reasonably civil chats about matters of no importance. "I am delighted to have got Rose. A bowler who can bat is just what we need."

Rose, born in Tottenham, has had only limited opportunities in the star-studded Middlesex team but last season he played in five championship matches and took seven wickets at a fraction under 40 runs apiece.

If Middlesex will wish Rose well, their reaction to the possible departure of Emburey might be less generous. Micky Stewart, who has found himself needing to wear his Surrey rather than his England cap recently, told me that initial inquiries were made last July.

However, nothing came of them, and the subject reared up again only when Emburey started talking to an Australian reporter a couple of days ago about his desire to captain a county. Emburey said he was intending to talk to Stewart but has not yet done so. In the meantime, Raman Subba Row, another Surrey man out here on other business, has been suggesting that the England off-spinner, who actually began his career at the Oval, is wasting his time.

In all probability, Surrey are keener to maintain good relations with their London neighbours than to acquire an untried captain.

Mark Nicholas, the Hampshire captain, is also strong on diplomacy at the moment. He has refused to enter into speculation over Dilley on the grounds that he does not want to upset his good friend, Chris Cowdrey, who captains Kent.

Nicholas, however, has more than half his county side in Perth, and there was no concealing the fact that Dilley spent most of yesterday evening drinking in a corner of the hotel bar with the Smith brothers, Paul Terry, Malcolm Marshall and Nicholas himself.

If he does decide to leave Kent – and why he should want to remains a mystery – Dilley will not want for friends in Hampshire.

Botham, meanwhile, is rarely seen in the lobby of the Sheraton, which is often so densely populated with giant fast bowlers as to give all but the most confident opening batsmen nightmares. But if Northumberland really harbour serious dreams of signing the man who shrank the size of the "Wacker" this week with the enormousness of his hitting, Worcestershire is – and always has been – his likely destination.

However, as a crescent-shaped moon hung above the "Wacker" – a strangely appropriate symbol of Pakistan's success here so far – the rumour mill churned on. With so many cricketers and officials around, it is hardly likely to stop. And Marshall and Dilley, to the consternation of 16 other counties, may yet become more than drinking partners.

County deal

Worcestershire, whom Ian Botham may be joining, have agreed a £100,000, three-year sponsorship deal with the Carphone Group, who are based in Somerset, the county which Botham formally quit on Wednesday. The group's chairman, Graham Thomas, is a Worcester man. Worcestershire's chairman, Duncan Fearnley, said: "This sponsorship is a major step forward for us and will allow us to plan for a much brighter future."

SPORT IN BRIEF

England on TV live

There will be live television coverage of the Benson and Hedges one-day cricket challenge match between England and the West Indies from Perth on BBC 2 this morning from 7.10am until 10.45.

Wait a minute

Two Stoke City directors were yesterday £1,000 richer, thanks to Carl Saunders. The directors each bet £10 at odds of 100-1, that Saunders would score in the first minute of the New Year's Day match against Shrewsbury. The in-form forward obliged

Svan best

Gunde Svan, the Nordic skiing world and Olympic champion, has been voted Swedish sportsman of the year.

Prost: top of poll

Triple Prost

Alain Prost, the Formula One motor racing world champion, was named 1986 French sportsman of the year in Paris yesterday for the third year running by *L'Equipe*, the sports newspaper, after polling readers and journalists.

Wilson ill

Jocky Wilson pulled out of the MFI British Open darts championships in Kensington yesterday with a chest infection. The illness also threatens to keep the Scottish world No 5, out of the world championship from January 10 to 18.

Snoddy wins

Bill Snoddy became the second Transatlantic athlete in four years to win the Carlsberg New Year sprint handicap at Edinburgh's Meadowbank Stadium yesterday, beating the favourites, Dave Clark and Keith Douglas.

Highly rated

Yorkshire will attempt to sign Neil Mallender on Monday. The pace bowler is playing for Otago in New Zealand this winter, but has refused a Northamptonshire contract.

England's biggest test

Perth (PA) – England, their confidence riding high, face the biggest test of their Australian tour here today when they meet West Indies, under the captaincy of Viv Richards, the undisputed world champions of the game.

West Indies are in the unusual position of needing a win even more than their opponents, and that will probably make them an even greater threat than usual.

The pride of Richards and his men took a battering last Tuesday in the opening match of the competition when Pakistan surprised them by winning by 34 runs. Were England to beat them today they would be out of the four-nation Benson and Hedges Challenge and Pakistan and England would contest Wednesday's final.

England opened their Challenge programme on Thursday with an emphatic 37-runs victory over Australia, before a record Perth crowd of 27,125, butthe psychological edge will be with West Indies today. Try as they might, England cannot forget that their last 10 Test matches against them have all ended in defeat. The last series of one-day internationals, in the Caribbean last winter, ended in a 3-1 win for West Indies.

Mike Gatting, the England captain, admitted earlier this week: "The mental side will be the biggest hurdle to overcome against the West Indies. We must not be overawed by them."

England will almost certainly be unchanged for today's match, which will be played entirely daylight, again preferring Small to Edmonds. West Indies are expected to recall Marshall and Garner, both of whom missed the match with Pakistan through injury.

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